

JUNE 10, 1963

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TO SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

UNSUBS; FANNY HUMMER, ET AL. VICTIMS, CR.

RE MY TELS THIS DATE.

DEPARTMENT ADVISES ICC WROTE GENERAL COUNSEL,
CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS, MAY THIRTYONE, LAST, STATING
THAT STALEY RESTAURANT, WINONA BUS TERMINAL, IS
INTEGRAL PART OF INTERSTATE TERMINAL AND MUST
SERVE ALL WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE OR COLOR. DEPARTMENT
REQUESTS IT BE DETERMINED IF STALEY-S MANAGEMENT
WAS COGNIZANT OF ABOVE WHEN VICTIMS WERE ARRESTED.

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UNSUBS; FANNY HUMMER, ET AL. VICTIMS, CR.
RE MY TEL THIS DATE.

DEPARTMENT HAS NOW BEEN ADVISED THAT VICTIM GUYOT

SUFFERED A BROKEN ARM AND IS EN ROUTE TO GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI;
WHEREABOUTS OF JAMES WEST UNKNOWN; OTHER VICTIMS IN JAIL AT
WINONA AND THREE OF THEM ALLEGEDLY BEATEN IN JAIL.

IF VICTIMS ALLEGE THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WERE
INVOLVED IN ANY BEATING, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY PROCEED WITH
PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF EACH SUCH INSTANCE.

DEPARTMENT ALSO ADVISED ARRESTS OCCURRED WHEN VICTIMS
ATTEMPTED TO ENTER REST ROOMS OF RESTAURANT IN BUS TERMINAL
AND REQUESTS PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF THIS ASPECT INCLUDING
INTERVIEWS WITH ARRESTING OFFICERS. IF RESTAURANT PROPRIETOR
COMPLAINED TO POLICE, HE SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED. ALSO TAKE

PHOTOGRAPHS OF ANY SIGNS DENOTING SEGREGATION IN BUS TERMINAL
OR RESTAURANT. ALSO TAKE COLOR PHOTOS OF ANY APPARENT OR

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TELETYPE TO SAC, MEMPHIS
RE: UNSUBS; FANNY HUMMER, ET AL. VICTIMS, CR.

ALLEGED INJURIES SUFFERED BY VICTIMS.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS INTERVIEWS BE EXPEDITED.

NOTE: Above information at request received from CRD, b6
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who previously advised 6 Negro voter registration workers were arrested by local authorities at Winona, Mississippi, bus terminal 6-9-63, when they attempted to use the rest rooms. A seventh victim was allegedly arrested in front of the sheriff's office by a Mississippi Highway Patrolman when the victim went there seeking information concerning the other arrests. Department seeking information concerning the other arrests. Department previously requested and Memphis was instructed to interview all victims and also determine nature and status of charges.

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REBUTELS JUNE TEN.

RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS WITH VICTIMS MUST BE RECEIVED AT
THE BUREAU NO LATER THAN NOON EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME TODAY.
DEPARTMENT ADVISES VICTIMS GUYOT AND WEST HAVE BEEN RETURNED
TO WINONA JAIL.

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NOTE: Six Negro voter registration workers allegedly
arrested at Winona, Mississippi, 6-9-63 when they
attempted to use the restrooms in a restaurant in the bus
depot. Some of the victims allegedly beaten in jail.
A seventh victim was arrested in front of the sheriff's
office ~~xxx~~ where he had gone to inquire about the earlier
arrests, and this victim allegedly suffered a broken arm.
At Department's request Memphis previously instructed to
conduct interviews. [redacted] CRD has advised
he must have results by noon so Department can determine the
action to take.

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Information regarding Guyot and West
furnished by [redacted] CRD.

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10:19 PM 6/11/63

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *RR*

DATE: June 11, 1963

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
FANNY HUMMER, ET AL. - VICTIMS
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ASAC Halter, Memphis, called at 2:38 a.m., 6/11/63, to advise that Agents had been unable to contact Guyot for interview. *ch 5-1*

According to Halter, Agents endeavored to contact the jailer at the Carrollton, Mississippi, Jail, but no one answered the jail door. Agents reported the jail, a two-story building, was completely dark and, although they repeatedly tried to arouse someone, their efforts were to no avail. Agents then tried locating the sheriff at his home but could locate no one there. The Sheriff's Office in Carrollton was lighted but there was no one in the office. *8*

Agents have obtained accommodations in Winona, Mississippi, and will interview Guyot at the Carrollton Jail at the earliest possible moment this morning. Results of this interview will be telephonically furnished to the Bureau for transmittal to the Department.

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TO SAC MEMPHIS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUBS, FANNY HUMMER, ET AL., DASH VICTIMS, CR.

REUR CALL THIS DATE. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS NEGROES
PRESENT AT CAFE WHO WERE NOT ARRESTED WHEN VICTIMS WERE TAKEN
INTO CUSTODY BE IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED. ALSO DETERMINE
EXACT LANGUAGE OF CHARGES ON WHICH VICTIMS WERE TRIED.

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TO SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1063)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

UNSUBS, FANNY HUNTER, ET AL DASH VICTIMS, CR.

REURTEL THREE FIFTY P.M., CST INSTANT.

VIGOROUSLY PRESS INVESTIGATION. SUTEL TONIGHT RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TO DATE AND CONTINUE TO KEEP BUREAU CURRENTLY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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UNSUBS, FANNY HUMMER, ET AL DASH VICTIMS, CR.
REURTEL THREE FIFTY P. M. , CST INSTANT.

ADVISE IF INFORMATION RELATIVE TO GUYOT-S READING ABIL-
ITY MEANS HE CANNOT READ ANYTHING OR COULD NOT READ LETTER HE
WAS TO REWRITE.

ALSO VIGOROUSLY PURSUE POSSIBLE IMPERSONATION ASPECT
OF MATTER. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, ADVISE RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS
WITH OTHER VICTIMS.

AS PREVIOUSLY INSTRUCTED CONDUCT PI OF ALLEGATIONS OF
POLICE BRUTALITY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ENTIRE INCIDENT. TAKE
APPROPRIATE PHOTOGRAPHS, INTERVIEW DOCTOR WHO EXAMINED
GUYOT, INTERVIEW POLICE OFFICERS AND CONDUCT ANY OTHER LOGICAL
INVESTIGATION. IF OFFICERS REFUSE TO BE INTERVIEWED OR REFUSE
TO MAKE VICTIMS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW, SO ADVISE.

DEPARTMENT ALSO REQUESTS INTERVIEW OF FOUR PERSONS WHO

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WERE ON BUS WITH VICTIMS BUT WERE NOT ARRESTED RELATIVE TO

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TELETYPE TO SAC, MEMPHIS
RE: UNSUBS, FANNY HUMMER, ET AL DASH VICTIMS, CR

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ARRESTS AT BUS STATION, NAMELY;

BERNARD WASHINGTON, [REDACTED] MISSISSIPPI, RUTH DAYE,

[REDACTED] MISSISSIPPI, AND [REDACTED]

BOTH OF [REDACTED] MISSISSIPPI ASK THESE PERSONS
PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF A STATE
PATROLMAN OR OTHER LOCAL OFFICER WHO MAY HAVE MADE
THE CALL TO CHIEF HERROD RE VICTIMS- PRESENCE IN CAFE
AT BUS STATION.

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UNSUBS; FANNY HUMMER, ET AL. DASH VICTIMS. CR.
REURCALL THIS DATE.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER VICTIMS
WERE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL AT THEIR HEARING. INCLUDE IN THE
COMPLETE DETAILED TELETYPE SUMMARY TO BE SUBMITTED BY YOUR
OFFICE TODAY. ALSO INSURE THAT FULL INFORMATION IS SET
FORTH CONCERNING THE LETTER GUYOT ALLEGEDLY POSSESSED WHICH
MENTIONED A KILLING.

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NOTE: Six victims, all Negro voter registration workers,
arrested in restaurant, Winona, Mississippi, bus
station by Chief of Police 6-9-63. Seventh victim arrested
by Chief of Police when he inquired concerning arrests.
First six victims appeared before City Court, Winona, 6-11-63,
fined \$100 each, remanded to jail because fines not paid.
Victim Guyot after being arrested was allegedly found to
possess a letter which made some mention of a killing and
he was charged with suspicion of murder as well as
resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

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TO SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

UNSUBS; FANNY HUMMER, ANNELL PONDER, JUNE JOHNSON,
ROSEMARY FREEMAN, EUVESTER SIMPSON, JAMES WEST, LAWRENCE
GUYOT, VICTIMS. CR.

DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ADVISED BY [REDACTED]

SNCC REPRESENTATIVE GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, THAT ALL VICTIMS
ARE NEGROES WHO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN VOTER REGISTRATION MATTERS.
ALL VICTIMS EXCEPT GUYOT WERE ARRESTED JUNE NINTH AT A BUS
TERMINAL, WINONA, MISSISSIPPI, BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHEN THEY
TRIED TO USE REST ROOMS. THEY WERE CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY
CONDUCT AND RESISTING ARREST. EX-120 MCT-3, 44-22262-9

GUYOT WAS ARRESTED LATER BY A MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY
PATROLMAN IN FRONT OF THE SHERIFF-S OFFICE WHERE HE HAD GONE
TO SEE ABOUT THE ARRESTS. REC-18 JUN 11 1963

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NOTE: Per discussion with [REDACTED] Civil Rights Division,
who furnished above information and requested the investigation.

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TELETYPE TO SAC, MEMPHIS
RE: UNSUBS, FANNY HUMMER, ET AL.

INTERVIEW VICTIMS AND ^{ALSO} DETERMINE EXACT NATURE AND STATUS
OF CHARGES. ADVISE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AND PERSONS
INTERVIEWED INVESTIGATION IS AT REQUEST OF AAG BURKE MARSHALL,
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

SUTEL JUNE ELEVEN AND SUREP JUNE THIRTEEN.

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Memorandum

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ASAC Halter, Memphis, called to advise that Chief of Police Thomas Herrod, Winona, Mississippi, has furnished the following information.

At 10:00 a.m. 6-9-63 Herrod received a call from Staley's Cafe in the bus terminal at Winona to the effect that there were Negroes in the cafe. He proceeded to Staleys where he found 10 Negroes. Chief Herrod states that he informed the Negroes that they could not be served and asked them to leave. Some of them left but then started back inside and a group of five or six white persons who were standing nearby made comments indicating that there would possibly be trouble.

Chief Herrod thereupon arrested Fanny Hummer and the other five victims (Guyot not included) and took them to jail where they resisted being placed in jail and it was necessary to use some force in order to lock them up. The Chief denied that any of the victims suffered injury. They were charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

All but one of the six victims arrested at the restaurant pled guilty in City Court, Winona, 6-11-63. The sixth one was convicted. Mayor Billingsley fined each \$100 and all have been returned to jail since the fines have not been paid.

Chief Herrod also stated that victim Guyot came to see him Sunday afternoon after the other six victims were arrested and asked to speak to the Mayor. Guyot was informed that the Mayor was not available and that he should wait until Monday whereupon Guyot allegedly began cursing Chief Herrod and made statements to the effect that he would get even with the Chief.

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
FANNY HUMMER, ET AL. - VICTIMS

Herrod then took Guyot into custody and he resisted arrest, however, Chief Herrod denies that Guyot was injured. Guyot was charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct but a letter subsequently was found on his person which made mention of a killing and Guyot was also charged with suspicion of murder. He is to have a hearing on the afternoon of 6-11-63.

Results of interview with victims were not yet available as it was necessary for the Agents to contact Chief Herrod first in order to gain access to the victims. The victims were in the process of being interviewed and details will be forwarded to the Bureau as quickly as possible. No further details were available to Halter at this time.

ACTION

1. Halter was advised that in addition to forwarding full details of interviews with the victims as well as Chief Herrod, the person at Staley's Cafe who made the complaint is to be thoroughly interviewed and they are also to obtain details concerning the letter which Guyot allegedly had that made reference to a killing.

2. This information has been furnished to [redacted] the Civil Rights Division and will be furnished in writing to Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*

FROM : C. L. McGowan *McGowan*

DATE: June 10, 1963

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
 FANNY HUMMER, ET AL. - VICTIMS
 CIVIL RIGHTS

At 9:20 p. m., [] the Civil Rights Division of the Department called and advised that he had just been informed by members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee at Winona, Mississippi, that Lawrence Guyot was presently in the Carrollton, Mississippi, jail. He advised that Carrollton is approximately 10 miles from Greenwood, Mississippi. [] stated that he had information that Guyot had been beaten up very bad by law enforcement officers and the Department wanted Guyot interviewed immediately.

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[] advised that James West who reportedly is in custody, whereabouts unknown, is also to be interviewed as soon as his location is determined.

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This information was telephonically furnished to ASAC Halter, Memphis Division, at 9:30 p. m. He advised that the Resident Agent covering that territory was presently in headquarters, however, Agents were being dispatched immediately to handle this interview. Halter advised that Carrollton is approximately 175 miles from Memphis and that the interview would be conducted during the early a. m., hours of 6-11-63, and the Bureau immediately advised in order that the Department will have the results of this interview.

At 9:50 p. m., [] the Department was telephonically advised that the interview will be conducted at the earliest possible moment and the Department advised of same.

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REURTEL JUNE ELEVEN LAST RELATING TO

[REDACTED] REFUSAL TO BE INTERVIEWED EXCEPT

IN THE PRESENCE OF HER ATTORNEY.

THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED WITH DEPARTMENT
JUNE ELEVEN LAST AND THEY REQUESTED THAT THE INTERVIEW
OF [REDACTED] BE CONDUCTED IN THE PRESENCE OF HER
ATTORNEY IF NECESSARY.

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U R G E N T 6-10-63 11-18 AM EST JP
TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM SAC, ATLANTA /44-NEW/
UNSUBS. LAWRENCE GUYOT DASH VICTIM. CR.

[REDACTED] SNCC, ATLANTA, ADVISED THAT SEVEN FIELD
SECRETARIES OF THE SNCC WHO WERE ENROUTE FROM SOMEWHERE IN
S. C. TO GREENWOOD, MISS., WERE ARRESTED AT WINONA, MISS.,
AFTER ENTERING THE WHITE WAITING ROOM OF THE BUS STATION IN
WINONA. HE STATED ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, LAWRENCE GUYOT,
WAS ALLEGEDLY SLAPPED BY A STATE TROOPER DURING THE ARREST.

[REDACTED] FURTHER STATED THEY COULD NOT DETERMINE THE REASON FOR
THE ARREST OF THE SEVEN INDIVIDUALS. BESIDES GUYOT, HE LISTED
THEM AS FOLLOWS. ANNELLE PONDER, FANNY LOU HAMER, JUNE E.
JOHNSON, ROSEMARY FREEMAN, UEZESTER SIMPSON, JAMES WEST.

MEMPHIS INTERVIEW VICTIM AND CONDUCT FURTHER INVESTIGATION
IF REQUIRED.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM SAC, ATLANTA /44-NEW/ /RUC/
UNSUBS. LAWRENCE GUYOT DASH VICTIM. CR.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE JUNE SIX, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE.

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CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, ATLANTA, GA., ADVISED TODAY
THAT WITH REGARD TO MATTER IN WINONA, MISS., ANNELLE PONDER
AND FANNY LOU HAMER HAD BEEN BEATEN BY UNKNOWN WINONA POLICE
OFFICERS AFTER THEIR ARREST ON JUNE EIGHT^H OR NINE, NINETEEN
SIXTYTHREE. THEY ARE ALLEGEDLY IN NEED OF MEDICAL ATTENTION
BUT HAD RECEIVED NONE.

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WA 12-10 PM OK FBI WA MET

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TO SAC MEMPHIS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUBS; FANNY HUMMER, ET AL DASH VICTIMS, CR.

THE DEPARTMENT ADVISES, ATTORNEY [REDACTED] IS GETTING VICTIMS OUT OF WINONA JAIL ON BAIL AFTER WHICH THEY ARE PROCEEDING TO SNCC OFFICE IN GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, SEVEN ZERO EIGHT AVENUE N, GREENWOOD, TELEPHONE NUMBER GREENWOOD FOUR FIVE THREE ONE TWO EIGHT TWO.

IF NOT ALREADY DONE, IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW VICTIMS ON RELEASE.

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FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /44-1063/ 5P

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REBUTELS JUNE ELEVEN, SIXTY THREE, AND MEMPHIS TELETYPE,
JUNE ELEVEN, SIXTY THREE.

THOMAS HERROD, CHIEF OF POLICE, WINONA, MISS., INTERVIEWED
THIS DATE AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

HERROD RECEIVED CALL FROM FIRE CHIEF, WINONA, MORNING OF
JUNE NINE LAST TO GO TO STALEY-S CAFE REGARDING A DISTURBANCE.
HE WENT TO STALEY-S CAFE, LOCATED NEXT TO TRAILWAYS BUS STATION,
U. S. HIGHWAY FIFTY ONE, AT APPROXIMATELY TEN AM, JUNE NINE.
SAW TEN NEGROES IN CAFE. HE INFORMED EIGHT OF THESE NEGROES THEY
COULD NOT BE SERVED AND TO LEAVE CAFE. FIVE OF THESE EIGHT
NEGROES WERE SITTING AT THE COUNTER. TWO NEGRO GIRLS WERE OBSERVED
GOING TOWARD LADIES RESTROOM. THEY WERE INFORMED TO LEAVE
RESTAURANT. THE GROUP OF FIVE LEFT THE RESTAURANT AND THEN
STARTED TO RE-ENTER.

SEVERAL WHITE MEN WERE IN VICINITY OF THE DOOR OF
CAFE AND TOLD HIM, HERROD, THAT IF HE DID NOT HANDLE THE MATTER
REGARDING THE NEGROES THAT THEY WOULD. HERROD THEN

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TOOK SIX NEGROES INTO CUSTODY TO PREVENT TROUBLE. AT THIS TIME, MISS. HIGHWAY PATROLMAN JOHN BASINGER HAD ARRIVED AND ASSISTED CHIEF HERROD IN TAKING THE NEGROES INTO CUSTODY. HERROD ALSO CALLED FOR ASSISTANCE FROM SHERIFF E. W. PATRIDGE, WHO CAME TO THE CAFE. SHERIFF PATRIDGE, MHSP PATROLMAN BASINGER AND CHIEF HERROD TRANSPORTED THE SIX NEGROES TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL, WINONA, WHERE THEY WERE BOOKED FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND RESISTING ARREST AS THEY DID NOT ENTER THE CELLS WHEN ORDERED TO DO SO. FORCE WAS USED TO PUT THESE SIX NEGROES IN THE CELLS, HOWEVER, HERROD DENIED ANY BRUTALITY USED.

LAWRENCE GUYOT CAME TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT APPROXIMATELY THREE PM, JUNE NINE LAST. GUYOT ASKED HERROD WHAT THE CHARGES WERE AGAINST THE SIX NEGROES AND IF THEY COULD BE RELEASED ON BOND. HERROD TOLD GUYOT THAT THE MAYOR WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL SOMETIME MONDAY MORNING, JUNE TEN, AND NOTHING COULD BE DONE. GUYOT STARTED TO LEAVE BUT THEN RETURNED AND STARTED TO CURSE CHIEF HERROD AND TO MAKE THREATS AS TO WHAT HE WOULD DO TO THE CHIEF AT A LATER DATE. HERROD THEN TOOK GUYOT INTO CUSTODY AND GOT WINONA PD PATROLMAN BILL SURRELL TO HELP

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HIM TRANSPORT GUYOT TO THE CARROLL COUNTY JAIL, CARROLLTON, MISS., AS THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL, WINONA, WAS FULL.

THEY LEFT GUYOT IN THE CARROLL COUNTY JAIL UNTIL LATE ON THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE TEN, SIXTY THREE. HERROD WENT TO CARROLLTON AT THAT TIME, BROUGHT GUYOT BACK TO WINONA AND PLACED HIM IN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL WHERE HE BOOKED HIM FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT, RESISTING ARREST AND INVESTIGATION FOR MURDER, LATTER BASED ON LETTER FOUND ON GUYOT RE A KILLING. LETTER INDISTINCT AND HERROD STILL ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS LETTER. HERROD STATED WOULD NOT MAKE THE LETTER AVAILABLE UNTIL LATER DATE.

ALL VICTIMS, EXCEPTING GUYOT, APPEARED IN CITY COURT, WINONA, MORNING JUNE ELEVEN INSTANT, CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND RESISTING ARREST. WHEN IT WAS DETERMINED JUNE JOHNSON WAS ONLY FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE, NO CHARGES WERE PLACED AGAINST HER. ALL VICTIMS, EXCEPTING JOHNSON, PLEADED GUILTY AND WERE FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

GUYOT PHOTOGRAPHED BY BUREAU AGENTS, JUNE ELEVEN. BRUISES AND SWELLING NOTED TEMPLE AREA OF HEAD AND AROUND EYES. END PAGE THREE.....

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LARGE BRUISE EXTENDING FROM RIGHT SHOULDER TO WAIST AND ON RIGHT ARM BELOW ELBOW. LARGE BRUISE ON RIGHT BUTTOCK. LARGE BRUISE ON RIGHT LEG BETWEEN BUTTOCK AND KNEE.

JAMES WEST ALSO INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. CLAIMED WAS WHIPPED BY TWO NEGRO INMATES ON ORDERS MISS. HIGHWAY PATROLMAN, NAME UNKNOWN. PHOTOS TAKEN OF WEST BUT NO BRUISES NOTED.

[REDACTED] WINONA, ADVISED SHE IS [REDACTED] OF STALEY-S BUS STATION AND [REDACTED] OF STALEY-S CAFE, LOCATED SAME BUILDING. [REDACTED] ADVISED HER ATTORNEY IS PRESENTLY OUT OF TOWN AND SHE DID NOT CARE TO FURNISH INFORMATION TO AGENTS UNLESS HER ATTORNEY WAS PRESENT. [REDACTED] WILL BE RECONTACTED JUNE TWELVE ^{NEXT} LAST BUT WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED IN PRESENCE OF HER ATTORNEY.

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OBSERVATION OF TRAILWAYS BUS STATION FAILED TO REFLECT ANY SEGREGATION SIGNS.

AT FOUR THIRTY PM, JUNE ELEVEN INSTANT, CHIEF HERROD ADVISED AGENTS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION AT JAIL THAT HE COULD NOT MAKE ANY MORE VICTIMS AVAILABLE THIS DATE. STATED HE COULD BE RECONTACTED AT NINE AM, JUNE TWELVE NEXT, TO ASCERTAIN IF
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OTHER VICTIMS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AT THAT TIME.

EXACT LANGUAGE OF CHARGES NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN SAME.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

AIR MAIL COPY, ATLANTA.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS 44-1063 7P

UNSUBS, FANNY HUMMER, ET AL DASH VICTIMS, CR.

LAWRENCE GUYOT INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS IN COUNTY
JAIL, WINONA, MISS., TODAY. GUYOT FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

GUYOT ARRIVED IN WINONA APPROXIMATELY TWELVE FORTY FIVE PM,
JUNE NINE LAST IN PERSONALLY OWNED PLYMOUTH. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED
BY ANOTHER PERSON BUT REFUSES TO IDENTIFY SUCH PERSON. GUYOT
WAS NOTIFIED ABOUT VICTIMS BEING IN JAIL, WINONA, BY BERNARD
WASHINGTON, FROM GREENWOOD, MISS.

ON ARRIVING WINONA, GUYOT CONTACTED CITY POLICE OFFICER
WHO WAS IN POLICE CAR IN FRONT OF COUNTY COURTHOUSE. GUYOT
ASKED DIRECTIONS TO THE JAIL AND WAS DIRECTED TO JAIL BY
POLICE OFFICERS. CHIEF OF POLICE WAS NOT AT JAIL BUT WHILE AT
JAIL GUYOT RECEIVED MESSAGE HE SHOULD PROCEED TO COURTHOUSE IF
HE WANTED TO SEE THE CHIEF. GUYOT SAW CHIEF OF POLICE IN
COURTHOUSE AND TOLD CHIEF HE WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CHARGES
AND THE BONDS FOR THE PEOPLE THAT HAD BEEN ARRESTED. THE CHIEF

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TOLD GUYOT TO LEAVE TOWN. GUYOT LEFT THE COURTHOUSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENTERING HIS CAR WHICH WAS PARKED IN FRONT OF COURTHOUSE. BEFORE ENTERING HIS CAR AND WHILE ON SIDEWALK, GUYOT WAS ARRESTED BY A CITY POLICE OFFICER WHO WAS IN UNIFORM. DOES NOT KNOW IDENTITY OF POLICE OFFICER BUT THE OFFICER WHO MADE THE ARREST WAS NOT CHIEF OF POLICE. THE ARREST OCCURRED AT ABOUT ONE THIRTY PM, JUNE NINE LAST.

GUYOT WAS TAKEN INTO THE COURTHOUSE, POSSIBLY TO OFFICE OF SHERIFF. TWO MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROLMEN, [REDACTED] AND BASINGER, WERE PRESENT AND IN UNIFORM. [REDACTED] AND BASINGER BEAT GUYOT WITH BLACK BILLY CLUBS AND KICKED HIM IN PRESENCE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, THE JAILER, POSSIBLY TWO LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS, AND APPROXIMATELY EIGHT ADDITIONAL WHITE PEOPLE, IDENTITIES OF WHOM UNKNOWN TO GUYOT. DURING THE BEATING A CITY POLICE OFFICER DREW HIS PISTOL AND TRIPPED THE HAMMER TWICE BUT DID NOT POINT PISTOL AT GUYOT. THE BEATING LASTED APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR THIRTY MINUTES BUT GUYOT STATES HE LOST ALL SENSE OF TIME. DURING BEATING, LETTER WAS FOUND ON GUYOT-S PERSON. THE WORDS

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QUOTE KILLED IN THE CAR UNQUOTE APPEAR IN THE LETTER, WHICH IS NOW IN POSSESSION LOCAL AUTHORITIES. GUYOT RECEIVED THIS LETTER SATURDAY NIGHT, JUNE EIGHT LAST, AT ABOUT NINE THIRTY PM FROM NEGRO MALE AT AVENUE I AND BROAD ST., GREENWOOD, MISS. GUYOT CLAIMS DOES NOT KNOW IDENTITY THIS NEGRO BUT HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT LETTER WAS WRITTEN BY MEMBER SNCC. ALTHOUGH GUYOT CLAIMS HE CANNOT READ, STATES HE WAS TO REWRITE THE LETTER AND TURN IT OVER TO LOCAL OFFICERS, FBI, AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

AFTER THE BEATING, GUYOT WAS TAKEN TO JAIL AT CARROLLTON, MISS. BY CHIEF OF POLICE, WINONA, AND BY THE WINONA POLICE OFFICER WHO TRIPPED THE HAMMER OF HIS PISTOL TWICE WHILE GUYOT WAS BEING BEATEN IN COURTHOUSE. GUYOT WAS NOT MOLESTED WHILE IN CARROLLTON JAIL.

ON AFTERNOON JUNE TEN LAST, SHORTLY AFTER LUNCH, A TALL GRAY HAired MAN APPROXIMATELY THIRTY FIVE YEARS OF AGE CONTACTED GUYOT IN THE CARROLLTON JAIL. THIS PERSON IDENTIFIED HIMSELF BY PRESENTING A SMALL GOLD BADGE AND STATING HE WAS AN FBI AGENT. THIS PERSON ASKED GUYOT QUOTE, WHO DID YOU COME TO SEE UNQUOTE AND ASKED THE REASON FOR BRUISES ON GUYOT-S BACK. GUYOT

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GAVE THE MAN A QUOTE SILLY UNQUOTE ANSWER, SAYING QUOTE I FELL
OUT OF A CAR UNQUOTE. THIS MAN TOLD GUYOT THE CHARGES HAD BEEN
DROPPED AND THAT QUOTE WOULD^{DE}/BEST TO ELIMINATE ME ANYWAY
BECAUSE I WOULDN-T HAVE TO WALK FAR WITHOUT GAINING A RIDE.
UNQUOTE. THIS MAN PERMITTED GUYOT TO TELEPHONE FROM THE
JAILER-S OFFICE IN THE CARROLLTON JAIL. GUYOT CALLED GL THREE
ONE TWO EIGHT TWO, GREENWOOD, MISS., AND TALKED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] GUYOT ASKED TO SPEAK TO QUOTE SQUEAKY SANDERS, UNQUOTE.
GUYOT EXPLAINED THIS IS CODE MEANING THAT HE WAS IN TROUBLE
AND NEEDED HELP.

[REDACTED] THEREAFTER APPEARED AT THE
CARROLLTON JAIL. THE JAILER IMMEDIATELY ASKED HIS WIFE TO CALL
THE SHERIFF. [REDACTED] TALKED WITH GUYOT FOR A FEW
MINUTES IN ONE OF THE CELLS AND THEN LEFT WITH THE JAILER.
APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR AFTER THE DEPARTURE [REDACTED]
THE CHIEF OF POLICE, WINONA, ARRIVED AND REMOVED GUYOT FROM
THE CARROLLTON JAIL TO THE COUNTY JAIL IN WINONA. THE CHIEF
OF POLICE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ONE OF THE CITY POLICE OFFICERS
WHO WAS IN THE COURTHOUSE JUNE NINE LAST WHEN GUYOT WAS BEATEN.
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AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT FORTY FIVE PM, JUNE TEN LAST, MISS. HIGHWAY PATROLMAN BASINGER AND CHIEF OF POLICE, WINONA, TOOK GUYOT TO THE SHERIFF-S OFFICE IN THE COURTHOUSE AND ATTEMPTED TO FORCE GUYOT TO SIGN A STATEMENT TO THE FOLLOWING EFFECT.

QUOTE I CAME TO WINONA ON SUNDAY, JUNE NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE, AT WHICH TIME I HAD TROUBLE WITH THE LAW. I WAS BRUISED WHEN I FELL OUT OF MY CAR BECAUSE I HAD BEEN DRINKING THE NIGHT BEFORE. THE OFFICERS DID NOT ATTACK ME. I MADE THIS OF MY OWN FREE WILL UNQUOTE.

GUYOT REFUSED TO SIGN AND WAS THEN PUNCHED ONCE BY PATROLMAN BASINGER WITH HIS FISTS.

THEREAFTER, BUYOT CLAIMS HE BECAME GROGGY AND ASKED ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL IN THE ROOM, THOUGHT TO BE A POLICE OFFICER, FOR A DOCTOR. GUYOT ASKED THE CHIEF OF POLICE IF HE SIGNED THE ABOVE STATEMENT WOULD THE CHARGES BE DROPPED. THE CHIEF TOLD HIM THE RESISTING ARREST AND INVESTIGATION FOR MURDER CHARGES WOULD BE DROPPED BUT THE DISTURBING THE PEACE CHARGE WOULD NOT BE DROPPED.

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WHILE THE LATTER STATEMENT WAS MADE, GUYOT AND THE CHIEF WERE IN THE SHERIFF-S OFFICE ALONE. THEREAFTER, AN UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL RETURNED TO THE ROOM AND KICKED GUYOT ON THE FLANK ON THE RIGHT SIDE AND TOLD GUYOT QUOTE YOU HAVE JUST EARNED YOURSELF A LONG TRIP TO WHITFIELD AND PARCHMAN. IT WILL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE YOU SEE THE SUN. UNQUOTE.

GUYOT WAS RETURNED TO THE COUNTY JAIL BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND ONE OF THE CITY OFFICERS.

AT APPROXIMATELY TEN THIRTY PM, JUNE TEN LAST, A DOCTOR [REDACTED] GAVE GUYOT A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. [REDACTED] INQUIRED AS TO THE SOURCE OF THE BRUISES AND SCARS AND AS TO HIS AGE. GUYOT TOLD THE DOCTOR HE DID NOT CARE TO MAKE A STATEMENT AT THAT TIME. THE DOCTOR WAS WITH GUYOT APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MINUTES. AFTER THE DOCTOR COMPLETED THE EXAMINATION, GUYOT WAS DRESSED AND WAS TAKEN OUTSIDE OF THE JAIL BY THE JAILER, WHERE HE WAS CONFRONTED BY A CROWD OF WHITE PEOPLE. GUYOT WAS RETURNED TO THE JAIL WITHOUT BEING ABUSED.

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ON BEING RETURNED TO JAIL, PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN OF GUYOT BY PERSON GUYOT BELIEVES TO BE THE SHERIFF. PATROLMAN
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BASINGER ALSO TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF GUYOT. ALL PHOTOGRAPHS WERE
TAKEN WITH GUYOT CLOTHED.

GUYOT STATED HE WOULD NOT FURNISH SIGNED STATEMENT
AS LONG AS HE WAS IN THAT COUNTY. WINONA IS IN MONTGOMERY
COUNTY.

AIR MAIL COPY BEING SENT ATLANTA.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING. FURTHER TELETYPE FOLLOWS.

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URGENT 6-11-63 10-06 PM EM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /44-1063/ 2 P

UNSUBS, FANNY HUMMER, ET AL DASH VICTIMS, CR.

JOHN BASINGER, MHSP, ADVISED THIS DATE HE DID NOT WISH TO BE
INTERVIEWED EXCEPT IN PRESENCE OF COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY
AND MISS. ATTORNEY GENERAL PERTAINING TO THIS MATTER. BASINGER
STATED THAT THERE WERE NO OTHER MHSP OFFICERS PRESENT AND HE DOES
NOT KNOW ANYONE BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED]

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EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, SHERIFF OF MONTGOMERY CO., WINONA, MISS.,
ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT DESIRE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING
TO THIS MATTER AND DECLINED TO BE INTERVIEWED.

[REDACTED] SNCC, ADVISED THAT ONE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MISS., BERNARD WASHINGTON,

[REDACTED] MISS., [REDACTED] 22262-18

[REDACTED] MISS., AND RUTH DAYE, [REDACTED]

MISS. WERE ON BUS JUN 13 1963

WHEN VICTIMS ARRESTED AT WINONA, MISS. [REDACTED] ADVISED

THAT ALL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AT SNCC HEADQUARTERS,

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GREENWOOD, MISS., JUNE TWELVE NEXT.

GUYOT STATED THAT HE COULD NOT READ THE LETTER WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED DUE TO THE POOR PENMANSHIP. GUYOT IS COLLEGE GRADUATE.

JAMES WEST ADVISED THAT HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF SNCC WERE NOT REPRESENTED BY COUNCIL AT HEARING THIS DATE BEFORE MAYOR BILLINGSLEY. WEST STATED THAT HE DID NOT REQUEST TO BE REPRESENTED BY COUNCIL. WEST SIGNED A STATEMENT IN PRESENCE OF COP THAT HE WAS NOT MISTREATED AT ^ANY TIME, BY ANYONE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO COMPLETE NECESSARY INTERVIEWS AND TO OBTAIN ANSWERS TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ASKED BY BUREAU. P.
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The Attorney General

June 12, 1963

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ASSAULT BY WINONA,
MISSISSIPPI POLICE OFFICERS
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This case involves the arrest of six Negro voter registration workers in the restaurant of the bus station at Winona, Mississippi, on June 9, 1963. A seventh victim, Lawrence Guyot, was allegedly arrested and later beaten by local law enforcement officers when he went to the courthouse in Winona to inquire about the arrest of the other six victims.

Lawrence Guyot on interview advised that he arrived in Winona at approximately 12:45 p.m., June 9, 1963, in his personally owned car. He was accompanied by another person but refused to identify this person. Mr. Guyot was notified about the six victims being in jail in Winona by Bernard Washington, from Greenwood, Mississippi.

On arriving in Winona, Mr. Guyot saw the Chief of Police in the courthouse and told the Chief he wanted to know about the charges and the bonds for the people that had been arrested. The Chief told Mr. Guyot to leave town. Mr. Guyot left the courthouse for the purpose of entering his car which was parked in front of the courthouse. Before entering his car and while on the sidewalk, Mr. Guyot was arrested by a city police officer who was in uniform. He does not know the identity of the police officer but the officer who made the arrest was not the Chief of Police. The arrest occurred at about 1:30 p.m., June 9, 1963.

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NOTE: The Attorney General has informed [redacted] that he is personally interested in this matter and [redacted] orally advised the Attorney General of our investigation and informed him that he would be kept advised of developments.

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Mr. Guyot was then taken into the courthouse, possibly to the office of the Sheriff. Two Mississippi Highway Patrolmen, named [redacted] and Basinger, were present and in uniform. Patrolmen [redacted] and Basinger beat Mr. Guyot with black billy clubs and kicked him in the presence of the Chief of Police, the jailer, possibly two local police officers and approximately eight additional white people, identities of whom are unknown to Mr. Guyot. During the beating a city police officer drew his pistol and tripped the hammer twice but did not point the pistol at Mr. Guyot. The beating lasted approximately one hour and thirty minutes but Mr. Guyot states he lost all sense of time.

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During the beating a letter was found on Mr. Guyot's person. The words "killed in the car" appear in the letter, which is now in the possession of local authorities. Mr. Guyot received this letter Saturday night, June 8, 1963, from a Negro male whose identity is unknown, in Greenwood, Mississippi, and believes that this letter was written by a member of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). Although Mr. Guyot claims he cannot read the letter because of poor penmanship, he stated he was to rewrite the letter and turn it over to local officers, the FBI and the Justice Department.

After the beating Mr. Guyot was taken to jail at Carrollton, Mississippi, by the Chief of Police, Winona, and by the Winona police officer who tripped the hammer of his pistol twice while Mr. Guyot was being beaten in the courthouse. He was not molested while in the Carrollton Jail.

On the afternoon of June 10, 1963, Mr. Guyot was contacted in the Carrollton Jail by a person who identified himself by presenting a small gold badge and stating he was an FBI Agent. This person asked

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Mr. Guyot, "who did you come to see" and asked the reason for the bruises on Mr. Guyot's back. Mr. Guyot gave the man a "silly" answer, saying, "I fell out of a car." This man told Mr. Guyot the charges had been dropped. This man permitted Mr. Guyot to telephone from the jailer's office in the Carrollton Jail at which time Mr. Guyot called one [redacted] Greenwood, Mississippi, and asked to speak to "Squeaky Sanders." Mr. Guyot explained this is code meaning that he was in trouble and needed help.

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[redacted] thereafter appeared at the Carrollton Jail. The jailer immediately asked his wife to call the Sheriff. [redacted] talked with Guyot for a few minutes in one of the cells and then left with the jailer. Approximately an hour after the departure [redacted] the Chief of Police, Winona, arrived and removed Mr. Guyot from the Carrollton Jail to the County Jail in Winona. The Chief of Police was accompanied by one of the city police officers who was in the courthouse June 9, 1963, when Mr. Guyot was beaten.

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At approximately 8:45 p. m., June 10, 1963, Mississippi Highway Patrolman Basinger and the Chief of Police, Winona, took Mr. Guyot to the Sheriff's Office in the courthouse and attempted to force Mr. Guyot to sign a statement to the following effect.

"I came to Winona on Sunday, June 9, 1963, at which time I had trouble with the law. I was bruised when I fell out of my car because I had been drinking the night before. The officers did not attack me. I made this of my own free will."

Mr. Guyot refused to sign this statement and was then punched once by Patrolman Basinger with his fists.

Thereafter, Mr. Guyot claims he became groggy and asked another individual in the room, thought to be a police officer, for a doctor. Mr. Guyot asked the Chief of Police whether the charges would be dropped if he signed the above statement. The Chief told him the resisting arrest and

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investigation for murder charges would be dropped but the disturbing the peace charge would not be dropped. While the latter statement was made Mr. Guyot and the Chief were in the Sheriff's Office alone. Thereafter, an unidentified individual returned to the room and kicked Mr. Guyot on the flank on the right side and told Mr. Guyot "you have just earned yourself a long trip to Whitfield and Parchman. It will be a long time before you see the sun."

Mr. Guyot was returned to the County Jail by the Chief of Police and one of the city officers.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., June 10, 1963, one [redacted] gave Mr. Guyot a physical examination. [redacted] inquired as to the source of the bruises and scars and as to his age. Mr. Guyot told the doctor he did not care to make a statement at that time. The doctor was with Mr. Guyot approximately twenty minutes. After the doctor completed the examination, Mr. Guyot was dressed and was taken outside of the jail by the jailer where he was confronted by a crowd of white people. Mr. Guyot was returned to the jail without being abused.

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On being returned to the jail, photographs were taken of Mr. Guyot by a person he believes to be the Sheriff. Patrolman Basinger also took photographs of Mr. Guyot. All photographs were taken with Mr. Guyot clothed.

Mr. Guyot stated he would not furnish a signed statement as long as he was in that county. Winona is in Montgomery County, Mississippi.

Thomas Herrod, Chief of Police, Winona, Mississippi, was interviewed on June 11, 1963, concerning this matter. Chief Herrod advised that in response to a call he had proceeded to Staley's Cafe, located next to the bus station, Winona, Mississippi, at about 10:00 a.m. on June 9, 1963, regarding an alleged disturbance. Upon arrival he saw

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a group of Negroes in the cafe. He informed them that they could not be served and instructed them to leave the cafe. Several white men were in the vicinity of the door of the cafe and told Chief Herrod that if he did not handle the matter regarding the Negroes that they would.

Chief Herrod said he took six of the Negroes into custody to prevent trouble. Mississippi Highway Patrolman John Basinger and Sheriff E. W. Patridge, who had arrived on the scene, assisted him in the arrest. The six Negroes were transported to the Montgomery County Jail, Winona, where they were booked for disorderly conduct. Chief Herrod said they were also booked for resisting arrest as they would not enter the cells when ordered to do so and it was necessary to use force to get them in the cells. Chief Herrod denied that any brutality was used.

Lawrence Guyot came to the Montgomery County Courthouse at approximately 3:00 p. m. on June 9, 1963, and inquired as to the charges against the Negroes and if they could be released on bond. Chief Herrod told him that due to the unavailability of the mayor nothing could be done until Monday morning, June 10, 1963. After starting to leave, Guyot, according to Chief Herrod, returned and started to curse Chief Herrod and make threats. Chief Herrod then took Guyot into custody and with the assistance of Winona Police Department Patrolman Bill Surrell transported him to the Carrollton Jail, Carrollton, Mississippi, as he said the Montgomery County Jail, Winona, was full.

Guyot was left in the Carrollton Jail until late afternoon, June 10, 1963, at which time he was returned to the Montgomery County Jail and booked for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and investigation for murder. The latter charge was based on a letter found in Guyot's possession relating to a killing. The letter is indistinct and Chief Herrod is still attempting to determine the significance of the letter. It should be noted that Guyot, who is a college graduate, has said that he could not read the letter due to the poor penmanship.

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All victims with the exception of Guyot appeared in City Court, Winona, on the morning of June 11, 1963, charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. When it was determined that victim Johnson was only fifteen years of age no charges were placed against her. With the exception of Johnson, all victims pleaded guilty and were fined \$100. Victim James West advised that he and other members of SNCC were not represented by counsel at the hearing before Mayor Billingsley. He said he did not request to be represented by counsel and stated that he had signed a statement in the presence of the Chief of Police to the effect that he was not mistreated at any time by anyone.

The man who reportedly identified himself to Mr. Guyot as an FBI Agent on June 10, 1963, was not an FBI Agent. Every effort is being made to identify this individual and to determine if there has been a violation in this regard.

The investigation of this matter is being vigorously pursued and the Civil Rights Division will continue to be advised of developments on a current basis.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

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TO SAC MEMPHIS (44-1063)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUBS; FANNIE HAMER, ET AL DASH VICTIMS. CR.

REURTELS SIX ELEVEN, TWELVE LAST. Lawrence Guyot

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ADVISE IF DESCRIPTION OF SHERIFF SANDERS, CARROLL COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI APPROXIMATES DESCRIPTION OF INDIVIDUAL WHO REPORTEDLY
IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS FBI AGENT TO GUYOT IN CARROLLTON JAIL
AFTERNOON OF SIX TEN LAST. IN PURSUING IMPERSONATION ASPECTS
OF THIS MATTER, CONSIDER OBTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS OF APPROPRIATE
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO MAY HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH GUYOT
AND THE OTHER VICTIMS DURING THIS INCIDENT FOR DISPLAY TO
GUYOT IN EFFORT TO EFFECT IDENTIFICATION OF IMPERSONATOR.

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NOTE: Lawrence Guyot, Negro who was allegedly beaten by law enforcement officers in Winona, Mississippi, on 6/9,10/63, stated he was contacted at Carrollton, Mississippi, jail by person who identified himself as FBI Agent.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI
SUBJECT: UNSUBS, FANNIE HAMER, ET AL - VICTIMS
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SUTEL TONIGHT RESULTS OF ANY OTHER PERTINENT
INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED; ADVISE SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION OUTSTANDING
AND WHEN IT WILL BE COMPLETED AND WHEN REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED.
VIGOROUSLY PRESS AND SUREP PROMPTLY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

DATE: June 11, 1963

FROM : C. A. Evans *✓*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
 ALLEGED ASSAULT AT
 WINONA, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 10, 1963
LAWRENCE GUYOT, ET AL - VICTIM
 CIVIL RIGHTS

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FANNIE HAMER

M. McGowan
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The Attorney General called early this evening and advised that he was particularly interested in this case, which involves police brutality. The principal victim Guyot is a representative of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and was allegedly beaten by the authorities after his arrest on 6-10-63.

The Attorney General was informed that we had to dispatch Agents from our Memphis Office to the vicinity of Winona, Mississippi, and this case had been given the most expeditious attention with investigative activity going on and continuing until after 2:30 A.M., this morning. Investigation is continuing and is being pressed vigorously.

The Attorney General said that he just wanted to express his personal interest in this case in view of the aggravated nature of the violation. He was assured that our investigation would be expedited. He asked to be kept informed of developments.

ACTION BEING TAKEN:

The Attorney General will be kept advised by memorandum in line with his request.

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. McGowan

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The Attorney General

June 13, 1963

Director, FBI

**UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
LAWRENCE GUYOT, ET AL. -
VICTIMS
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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Evans

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Of the seven victims who were arrested at Winona, Mississippi, June 9, 1963, Lawrence Guyot and James West remain in the Montgomery County Jail, Winona, Mississippi. June Johnson, who is fifteen years of age, was released to her parents on June 12, 1963, and the other four victims were released on June 12, 1963, after bond was arranged by a representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Victims Annell Ponder and June Johnson have alleged that they were physically mistreated after being arrested on June 9, 1963. Victims Euvester Simpson and Rosemary Freeman state that they were not mistreated but they heard noises which caused them to believe that Annell Ponder, June Johnson and Fanny Hamer were being beaten.

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, has advised that he observed a highway patrolman slap Mr. Guyot twice after his arrest on June 9, 1963, because Mr. Guyot refused to say "Sir." stated that Sheriff Patridge, Montgomery County, Mississippi, and a deputy sheriff were present when this occurred.

Chief of Police Thomas Herrod, Winona, Mississippi, stated that on June 12, 1963, Mr. Guyot was fined \$65 for "cussing Chief of Police Herrod" and was returned to the Montgomery County Jail in lieu of \$100 bond.

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SEE MEMO ROSEN TO BELMONT DATED JUNE 13, 1963, SAME CAPTION, WLM:ers.

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[redacted] Winona, Mississippi, examined Mr. Guyot at the Montgomery County Jail on June 10, 1963. Mr. Guyot had complained of head pains and of blood passing from both ears.

[redacted] said that Mr. Guyot's blood pressure and eye pupils were normal and his examination failed to disclose ruptured ear drums or any bleeding. He noticed a slight bruise below the right eye and a large bruise on the posterior right chest which appeared to be more than one day old. [redacted] said that Mr. Guyot did not have any skin lacerations.

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Two FBI Agents, while conducting investigation of this matter, met Sheriff Earl W. Patridge, Montgomery County, Mississippi, and the Sheriff stated that although he had worked with the FBI in the past, he would not work with them in the future. He added that he and his staff will be checking on the activities of the Agents and that if they should violate any local laws or ordinances during the course of their investigation, he will take action which will attract a great deal of publicity.

The remaining investigation in this matter is being expeditiously handled and the Civil Rights Division is being advised of all developments on a current basis. The final results of the investigation will be furnished to the Civil Rights Division promptly upon completion.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS 44-1063 2P

UNSUBS, FANNIE HAMER, ET AL DASH VICTIMS, CR.

MAYOR M. C. BILLINGSLEY, WINONA, MISS., MADE AVAILABLE

THIS DATE AFFIDAVITS REFLECTING EXACT LANGUAGE OF CHARGES
AGAINST VICTIMS AS FOLLOWS.....

NO. ONE.....

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DID WILFULLY AND UNLAWFULLY DISTURB THE PEACE BY DISORDERLY
CONDUCT AT THE CAFE [REDACTED] ON HIGHWAY FIFTYONE IN
WINONA, MISS., BY BREACH OF PEACE IN THAT RESTAURANT WITH
INTENT TO PROVOKE A BREACH OF PEACE AND FAILING AND REFUSING
TO DISPERSE OR MOVE ON WHEN SO ORDERED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER.

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NO. TWO.....

DID WILFULLY AND UNLAWFULLY RESIST ARREST BY A LAWFUL
OFFICER OF THE SAID CITY AND COUNTY LAWFULLY ATTEMPTING TO
ARREST HIM OR HER AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE
OF MISSISSIPPI.

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THAT LAWRENCE GUYOT ON OR ABOUT THE NINTH DAY OF JUNE,
NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE IN THE COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID AND IN
THE CITY OF WINONA, MISS., DID WILFULLY AND UNLAWFULLY DISTURB
THE PEACE BY CURSING THE SAID T. J. HEROD. POLICE CHIEF, WITH

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LOUD, PROFANE AND ABUSIVE LANGUAGE IN THE CITY OF WINONA,
MISS.

THE FIRST TWO AFFIDAVITS APPLY TO WEST, PONDER, HAMER,
SIMPSON AND FREEMAN. THE LAST AFFIDAVIT APPLIES ONLY TO GUYOT.

[REDACTED] GREENWOOD, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE
SHE EXAMINED FANNIE LOU HAMER AND ANNELL PONDER JUNE TWELVE
LAST. HER DIAGNOSIS REGARDING VICTIM HAMER QUOTE SEVERE BRUISES
AND MASSES HEMATOMA OF BUTTOCKS. DIAGNOSIS REGARDING VICTIM
PONDER SEVERE BRUISES AND MASSES HEMATOMA OF LEFT FOREHEAD
AND LEFT EYE AND RIGHT BUTTOCK.

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NO PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT TIME OF HER EXAMINATION OF VICTIMS.
VICTIM HAMER FAILED TO KEEP APPOINTMENT WITH BUREAU AGENTS.
EFFORTS TO LOCATE HAMER CONTINUING.

SHERIFF E. W. PATRIDGE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, DECLINED TO
MAKE AVAILABLE LETTER FOUND OF GUYOT.

EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE OTHER WITNESSES WHO WERE
ABOARD TRAILWAYS BUS. P.

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cc - Mr. M. C. Deneugh

1 - Mr. McDonough

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To: SAC, Memphis

From: Director, FBI

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Enclosed for Memphis is one copy of Departmental memorandum received at the Bureau 6/15/63 in which additional investigation in this matter is requested.

The Department advises that Departmental attorney [redacted] is proceeding to Oxford, Mississippi, on Monday, 6/17/63. He is then going to Greenwood, Mississippi, where he will contact the Resident Agency and may request additional specific investigation. Memphis will keep the Bureau advised of additional investigation requested. Any investigation which does not appear logical will be handled on a UACB basis by Memphis.

Enclosure *sent 6-15-63*

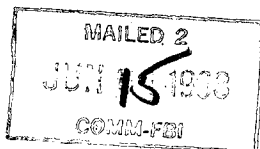
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RS*

DATE: June 12, 1963

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; FANNY HUMMER,
 ET AL. - VICTIMS
 CIVIL RIGHTS

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the Civil Rights Division inquired as to whether interviews have been completed with all victims in this case. He stated that he anticipated telephoning the city attorney and therefore desired this information at once. *3/1*

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ASAC Halter, Memphis, advised that victims West and Guyot were interviewed at the Winona, Mississippi, jail yesterday but when the Agents returned to the jail early this morning, the Chief of Police Thomas Herrod told them that there would be some delay before they could interview the remaining victims and that he was waiting for a call from the Chief of Police in Greenwood, Mississippi. He did not explain what connection the Chief of Police in Greenwood had with this case. *Jc*

While the Agents were in Chief Herrod's office, he was called by a man believed to be an attorney named who apparently was inquiring about arranging cash bail for all victims. Chief Herrod told the Agents that the victims might be released on bail this afternoon.

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At about 10:30 this morning the jailer talked privately to Chief Herrod and the Chief then explained to the Agents that an air-conditioned room would be provided in the courthouse for the interviews and that the victims would be brought to the room one at a time. It is noted that the prior interviews took place in an interview room in the jail. Halter said the Agents were highly suspicious that the room being provided in the courthouse may have been planted with microphones because it appeared that they had been stalled while a room was being prepared and because of the suspicious manner of Herrod. The Agents were making further efforts to secure the use of the interview room in the jail.

Halter was instructed that the interviews should be conducted in the jail if possible and that if the victims are released on bail they should, of course, be immediately interviewed but that no interview should be conducted in the room offered in the courthouse without prior Bureau authority.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

ACTION:

[redacted] of the Civil Rights Division was advised of the above information and stated that if no other means of interviewing the victims is available, the matter should be again checked with him before interviews are conducted in the room in the court house.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *Rd*

DATE: 6/11/63

FROM : C. L. McGowan *clm*SUBJECT: UNSUBS
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MAAT *McGowan*
 _____ of the Department at 11:15 p. m.,
 6/11/63, requested that _____
 Staley's Bus Station and _____ Staley's Cafe in Winona,
 Mississippi, be interviewed even if it is necessary to conduct
 the interview in the presence of her attorney.

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Memphis is being advised to conduct this interview.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

At request of Department we are investigating arrest of 7 Negro voter registration workers at Winona, Mississippi, 6-9-63, and alleged physical mistreatment of 5 of the victims. Six of the arrests occurred when victims entered the restaurant in the bus station.

Victim Lawrence Guyot alleged that while in jail, 6-10-63, he was interviewed by a man claiming to be an FBI Agent; he was not interviewed by an Agent on that date and the individual referred to by Guyot is apparently Sheriff Sanders.

Information given orally to Civil Rights Division and being furnished in writing to Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall.

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PM KGF

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /44-1063/

Unknown Subjects

Civil Rights

UNSUBS, FANNIE HAMER, ET AL ~~DEATH~~ VICTIMS, CR.

[REDACTED] GREENWOOD, MISS., RECONTACTED THIS PM
AND ADVISED VICTIM JOHNSON HAS NOT BEEN IN FOR EXAM. ADDITIONAL
INQUIRIES, GREENWOOD, TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW VICTIM HAMER THIS
PM REVEALED SHE AND VICTIM PONDER DEPARTED FOR ATLANTA, GA.,
NIGHT OF JUNE TWELVE LAST.

[REDACTED] COUNTY JAIL, WINONA, AND
ALTON STIDHAM, NIGHT PATROLMAN WINONA ~~PD~~, DECLINED TO DISCUSS
MATTER. STIDHAM EXTREMELY BELLIGERENT TO INTERVIEWING AGENTS
PERSONALLY AND FBI AS ORGANIZATION.

MAYOR, WINONA, MISS., ADVISED VICTIMS GUYOT AND WEST
RELEASED ON TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS BOND EACH AFTER TWO PM HEARING.
TODAY.

WITNESS [REDACTED] FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT TODAY
CONFIRMING DETAILS OF ARREST OF VICTIM GUYOT FORMERLY FURNISHED
BY WITNESS [REDACTED] OBSERVED HIGHWAY PATROLMAN

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cc Mr. Rosen

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SLAP GUYOT TWICE IN FRONT OF COURTHOUSE, WINONA.

ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE THREE REMAINING WITNESSES ON BUS
NEGATIVE AT GREENWOOD, ITTA BENA AND RULEVILLE, MISS.

Student Non Violent Co-ordinating Committee

[REDACTED] SNCC, PROMISED ON

JUNE ELEVEN AND JUNE TWELVE LAST TO HAVE BUS WITNESSES AVAILABLE.

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[REDACTED] SNCC WORKER, PROMISED ON JUNE TWELVE LAST TO HAVE
BUS WITNESSES AVAILABLE AT SNCC HEADQUARTERS. AGENTS WERE ON
SCENE FOR EACH APPOINTMENT BUT WITNESSES FAILED TO APPEAR.

[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY HE WAS INSTRUCTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON NIGHT OF JUNE TWELVE LAST TO IGNORE REQUEST
OF FBI BUT [REDACTED] DECLINED TO FURNISH REASON FOR ORDERS

[REDACTED]
FARMER LIVING NEAR RULEVILLE, MISS. BELIEVES TWO BUS
WITNESSES ARE IN JACKSON, MISS., BUT EXACT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

OURDEY BERNARD WASHINGTON INTERVIEWED JUNE TWELVE LAST.
ADVISED THREE BUS WITNESSES WOULD BE UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY
INFORMATION OTHER THAN CONFIRMATION OF FACT THAT SIX BUS RIDERS
FAILED TO COMPLETE JOURNEY FROM WINONA TO GREENWOOD, MISS.
WASHINGTON EXPLAINED THAT BUS LEFT WITHOUT THE SIX VICTIMS AND
ANY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST BUS RIDERS UNKNOWN TO THREE REMAINING
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BUS WITNESSES.

RE IMPERSONATION ANGLE OF INVESTIGATION, VICTIM GUYOT
TRANSPORTED TO COUNTY JAIL, CARROLLTON, MISS. BY ^{Chief of Police} ~~COP~~ HEROD,
~~PAREN~~ (NOT HERROD) ~~END PAREN~~ AND PATROLMAN BILL SURRELL, WINONA PD.

|| GUYOT STATED HE WAS NOT MISTREATED AT CARROLL COUNTY JAIL.
WHILE IN CUSTODY AT CARROLLTON, MISS., HE WAS VISITED BY A WHITE
MALE, SIX. FT. ONE OR SIX FT. TWO INCHES, THIRTY FIVE YEARS OF
AGE, WEARING CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND HAVING GRAY HAIR. INFORMATION
REGARDING CONVERSATION WITH THIS WHITE MALE CONFIRMED THROUGH
|| INTERVIEW OF SHERIFF SANDERS IN ENTIRETY EXCEPT FOR DENIAL BY
|| SANDERS OF IMPERSONATION OF FBI AGENT. DESCRIPTION OF SANDERS
|| OBTAINED BY INTERVIEWING AGENTS IDENTICAL TO DESCRIPTION FURNISHED
|| BY GUYOT EXCEPT FOR COLOR OF HAIR. SANDERS HAS CREW CUT LIGHT
|| BROWN HAIR BUT OTHERWISE DESCRIPTION IDENTICAL TO DESCRIPTION
|| FURNISHED BY GUYOT.

|| VICTIM GUYOT ADVISED WHITE MALE WHO IMPERSONATED FBI AGENT
|| GAVE PERMISSION TO GUYOT TO MAKE THE ONLY PHONE CALL MADE BY
|| HIM FROM CARROLL COUNTY JAIL.

SANDERS STATED THAT WHILE CONFINED CARROLL COUNTY JAIL,
GUYOT MADE ONLY ONE TELEPHONE CALL AND THAT HE , SHERIFF SANDERS,
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PERSONALLY AUTHORIZED GUYOT TO MAKE THIS CALL.

SHERIFF SANDERS ADVISED TODAY THAT HE WAS AGREEABLE TO CONFRONTATION WITH GUYOT BUT THAT HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE HIS ACTIONS IN EVENT GUYOT IDENTIFIED HIM AS IMPERSONATOR OF FBI.

SANDERS OF OPINION THAT IT MIGHT REQUIRE MORE THAN FOUR FBI AGENTS TO PREVENT HIM FROM SLUGGING GUYOT. SHERIFF SANDERS ADVISED ON SECOND INTERVIEW TODAY THAT HE WOULD PERMIT GUYOT TO VIEW HIM PERSONALLY BUT THAT HE WOULD NOT BE AGREEABLE TO BEING PHOTOGRAPHED. SHERIFF SANDERS EXPRESSED DOUBT ABOUT PHOTOGRAPH IDENTIFICATION. SHERIFF SANDERS EMPHATIC IN STATING HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE HIS PERSONAL ACTIONS UPON CONFRONTATION BY GUYOT.

IN VIEW OF EXPRESSIONS MADE BY SHERIFF SANDERS, ~~HACB~~ OK *KR* NO FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OR TO HAVE SANDERS VIEWED BY GUYOT.

ATLANTA TELEPHONICALLY INFORMED TODAY THAT VICTIM HAMER REPORTED ATLANTA OFFICE AND BEING INTERVIEWED.

ALL WITNESSES REGARDING A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION HAVE BEEN CONTACTED INTERVIEWED AS NOTED ABOVE. WITH EXCEPTIONS NOTED ABOVE, INVESTIGATION CONSIDERED COMPLETE.

REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED JUNE SEVENTEEN NEXT.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

DATE: 6/16/63

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; FANNIE HAMER;
 LAWRENCE GUYOT, ET AL. - VICTIMS
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At about 9:45 a.m. this date [redacted] the Civil Rights Division of the Department telephonically advised that he was leaving this afternoon for Oxford, Mississippi, and would stop over in Memphis, Tennessee, tonight. He expected to be in Memphis by about 8:00 p.m. this evening and wanted to review any information our Memphis Office had concerning captioned case and if possible confer with the investigating agent.

A check at the Bureau determined that no report has been submitted in this case. At about 11:05 a.m. ASAC Clifton O. Halter of the Memphis Office was telephonically advised of [redacted] impending visit and his request for information in captioned case. Mr. Halter said that SA Timothy M. Casey, Jr., had handled the investigation and was in Memphis preparing the report. He said that [redacted] should call SA Casey at his home this evening at 398-4698 and SA Casey would appropriately brief [redacted]

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The information to contact SA Casey was relayed to [redacted] when he called at about 1:00 p.m. this date. He expressed appreciation and said he would call SA Casey upon arrival in Memphis.

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The foregoing is for your information.

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DEPARTMENT ADVISED THAT WINONA CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE
FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE ADOPTED RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD
RESULT IN ARREST OF ANY NEGRO USING BUS TERMINAL FACILITIES.
DEPARTMENT REQUESTS COPY OF RESOLUTION BE OBTAINED. IF NOT
AVAILABLE THROUGH CITY OFFICIALS, OBTAIN FROM NEWSPAPER OR
SIMILAR SOURCE.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION ADVISED DEPARTMENT OF AN
INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT BUS TERMINAL ON JUNE FIFTEEN
NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. OBTAIN DETAILS AND SUTEL SUMMARY OF
THIS INCIDENT AND SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION. SUBMIT COPY OF
RESOLUTION IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION TOMORROW.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

DATE: June 13, 1963

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
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At 8:15 p.m., ASAC Halter, Memphis, called and stated that in reference to Bureau teletype today with respect to someone displaying a gold badge and indicating that he may be an FBI Agent to Guyot, it was determined that this in all probability was the sheriff of Carroll County, Mississippi. Halter advised that he was unable to take photographs of this sheriff, however, the sheriff stated that he would be glad to confront Guyot in person with respect to any identification necessary.

Halter advised that he was sending in a teletype UACB by 8:00 a.m., 6-14-63, he would have the sheriff confront Guyot with respect to the impersonation aspect of this case.

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TO SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1063)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

UNSUBS, FANNIE HAMER, ET AL., DASH VICTIMS. CR.

VIGOROUSLY PRESS ALL ASPECTS OF INVESTIGATION. COMPLETE
BY JUNE NINETEEN NEXT AND FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY WITH CLOSING
REPORT. SET OUT ANY LEADS DEVELOPED FOR OTHER OFFICES BY
TELETYPE AND INFORM THEM OF DEADLINE.

ASSIGN SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO HANDLE.

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FROM SAC, MEMPHIS 44-1063 7P

UNSUBS, FANNY HUMMER, ET AL DASH VICTIMS, CR.

RE PHONE CALLS WITH BUREAU TODAY.

CHIEF OF POLICE THOMAS HERROD, WINONA, MISS., LOCATED

NINE TEN AM THIS DATE. ADVISED HE WAS AWAITING PHONE CALL FROM
COP CURTIS LARY, GREENWOOD, MISS. PD, AND AFTER RECEIVING CALL
WOULD ACCOMPANY AGENTS TO MONTGOMERY CO. JAIL AND ALLOW REMAINING
VICTIMS TO BE INTERVIEWED.

HERROD ADVISED GUYOT TAKEN BEFORE MAYOR M. C. BILLINGSLEY,
WINONA, EIGHT THIRTY AM, JUNE TWELVE INSTANT. GUYOT FINED SIXTY
FIVE DOLLARS FOR QUOTE CUSSING COP HERROD UNQUOTE. BAIL SET AT
ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. GUYOT RETURNED TO MONTGOMERY CO. JAIL. HERROD
ADVISED GUYOT NOT REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL, HOWEVER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRESENT AT HEARING.

HERROD STATED SOME MEMPHIS ATTORNEY CONTACTED MAYOR THIS
DATE, DESIRING TO KNOW IF OUT-OF-STATE BONDING COMPANY WOULD
BE ACCEPTED FOR BONDING VICTIMS. COP HERROD ADVISED HE BELIEVED
SUCH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

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AT TEN AM, JUNE TWELVE INSTANT, HERROD RECEIVED PHONE
CALL FROM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] JACKSON, MISS., WHO STATED HE IS ATTORNEY AT JACKSON,
THAT HE WOULD BRING CASH BOND FOR RELEASE OF VICTIMS ON JUNE
THIRTEEN NEXT.

AT TEN TWENTY AM, HERROD WENT TO STORE FOR CIGARETTES
AND DID NOT RETURN UNTIL TEN FORTY. ENROUTE HERROD HIT A TRUCK
AND STOPPED TO INVESTIGATE ACCIDENT.

AGENTS AND COP ARRIVED MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL AT TEN
FIFTEEN AM. MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAILER CALLED COP ASIDE AND TALKED
TO HIM. HERROD THEREAFTER RETURNED AND ADVISED AGENTS WOULD BE
BETTER TO INTERVIEW VICTIMS AT MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE AS
COURTHOUSE AIR CONDITIONED AND FACILITIES BETTER. AGENTS ADVISED
HERROD THAT AGENTS DESIRE INTERVIEW VICTIMS IN JAIL. AGENTS ON
SCENE FEEL SHERIFF PATRIDGE MAY HAVE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT WHERE
INTERVIEWS TO BE CONDUCTED IN COURTHOUSE.

HERROD RECEIVED PHONE CALL WHILE AT JAIL AND LEFT ON
INVESTIGATION. CALLED BACK TO JAILER AT ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM AND
ADVISED JAILER TO TELL AGENTS HE WOULD BE GONE FOR AN HOUR OR MORE.
JAILER REFUSES ALLOW AGENTS INTERVIEW VICTIMS IN JAIL WITHOUT
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SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION COP HERROD. AGENTS ENDEAVORING LOCATE HERROD.

HERROD STATED WAS NOT AWARE OF LETTER TO TRAILWAYS BUS CO. REGARDING STALEY-S CAFE BEING REQUIRED TO SERVE ALL CUSTOMERS.

PATROLMAN BILL SURRELL, WINONA PD, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. ADVISED ONLY CONTACT WITH VICTIMS WAS TO HELP HERROD TRANSPORT GUYOT FROM WINONA TO CARROLL COUNTY JAIL, CARROLLTON, MISS. DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF BRUTALITY.

AT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN PM, JUNE ELEVEN LAST, SAS LAWRENCE J. OLSON, SR. AND ORVILLE V. JOHNSON WERE INTERVIEWING PATROLMAN JOHN L. BASINGER, MHSP, RE INSTANT INVESTIGATION WHEN TWO INDIVIDUALS DROVE UP IN A MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF-S OFFICE SQUAD CAR. THE DRIVER CALLED BASINGER OVER TO THE CAR AND THEY CONVERSED FOR ABOUT EIGHT MINUTES. BASINGER UPON RETURNING TO THE INTERVIEW IDENTIFIED THE CAR DRIVER AS EARL W. PATRIDGE, SHERIFF, MONTGOMERY COUNTY. AGENTS JOHNSON AND OLSON HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY MET SHERIFF PATRIDGE, THEREFORE, THEY WENT OVER AND INTRODUCED THEMSELVES.

PATRIDGE THEN STATED THAT HE HAD WORKED WITH THE FBI SINCE HE HAS HELD THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF AND WAS SORRY THAT THINGS
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HAD PROGRESSED TO THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS. HE SAID HE WAS NOT GOING TO WORK WITH THE FBI AS LONG AS HE HELD OFFICE. HE SAID HIS TERM EXPIRES IN NOV., NINETEEN SIXTY THREE. HE SAID AGENTS COMING TO WINONA, MISS. HAD BETTER BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL OF THEIR ACTIVITIES INASMUCH AS HE AND MEMBERS OF HIS OFFICE WOULD BE CHECKING ON THE AGENTS- ACTIVITIES AS THE AGENTS WERE CHECKING ON THEIR ACTIVITIES. PATRIDGE STATED IF HE COULD DETERMINE THAT ANY AGENT DURING THE COURSE OF THIS INVESTIGATION VIOLATED ANY LOCAL LAWS OR ORDINANCES, HE WOULD THEN TAKE ACTION THAT WOULD ATTRACT A GREAT DEAL OF PUBLICITY TO HIS AND THE AGENTS- ACTIVITIES.

[REDACTED] TRAILWAYS BUS STATION, AND [REDACTED] OF STALEY-S CAFE, WINONA, MISS., INTERVIEWED THIS DATE IN PRESENCE OF HER ATTORNEY, [REDACTED] SHE ADVISED THAT SHE HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED BY ANY PERSON [REDACTED] CAFE HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED BY ICC AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF INTERSTATE TERMINAL. [REDACTED] SAID SHE DID NOT REQUEST POLICE ASSISTANCE WHEN THE VICTIMS WERE ARRESTED AND THAT NONE [REDACTED] EMPLOYEES REQUESTED POLICE ASSISTANCE.

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[REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW WHO REQUESTED SUCH ASSISTANCE. SHE DID NOT WITNESS ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VICTIMS OR WITNESS ANY ACTIVITIES OF ANY POLICE OFFICER WHEN THE VICTIMS WERE ARRESTED.

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COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF VICTIMS GUYOT AND WEST TAKEN JUNE ELEVEN LAST.

SHERIFF HAROLD F. SANDERS, CARROLL COUNTY, MISS., TALKED WITH VICTIM GUYOT FOR THREE OR FOUR MINUTES MORNING OF JUNE TEN LAST. SHERIFF DID NOT IDENTIFY HIMSELF AND DID NOT REPRESENT HIMSELF AS FBI AGENT. VICTIM GUYOT HAD VISIBLE BRUISES AND HE CLAIMED HE FELL OUT OF CAR. DEPUTY SHERIFF HUGH ARRINGTON,

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[REDACTED] CARROLLTON, MISS., CONFIRMED INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SHERIFF. JAIL RECORDS REFLECT VICTIM GUYOT WAS IN CARROLL COUNTY JAIL JUNE NINE DASH TEN LAST ON CHARGE OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT, RESISTING ARREST, AND SUSPICION OF MURDER. SHERIFF SANDERS AND JAILER ADVISED IT IS COMMON PRACTICE TO ACCEPT PRISONERS FROM MONTGOMERY COUNTY AS JAIL FACILITIES INADEQUATE IN WINONA, MISS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED GUYOT BROUGHT TO JAIL BY CHIEF OF POLICE TOMMY HERROD AND SECOND OFFICER, NAME UNKNOWN, FROM WINONA, MISS.

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WHILE IN JAIL GUYOT WAS GIVEN ASPIRIN TABLET AND PERMISSION TO MAKE TELEPHONE CALL. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] VICTIM GUYOT CALLED A QUOTE SQUEAKY SANDERS UNQUOTE AT GREENWOOD, MISS.

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LATER [REDACTED] APPEARED AT CARROLL COUNTY, MISS., JAIL. BOTH WERE ALLOWED TO VISIT VICTIM GUYOT AND THEN DEPARTED.

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SHERIFF SANDERS AND DEPUTY SHERIFF ARRINGTON ARRESTED [REDACTED] ON HIGHWAY EIGHTYTWO WEST OF CARROLLTON AFTER OBSERVING [REDACTED] CROSSING YELLOW LINE ON TWO DIFFERENT OCCASIONS. [REDACTED] RETURNED TO CARROLLTON AND WAS FINED TEN DOLLARS BY JUSTICE OF PEACE FOR RECKLESS DRIVING.

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[REDACTED] WINONA, MISS., ADVISED HE WAS CALLED AT NINE THIRTY P.M., JUNE TEN LAST, BY MAYOR OF WINONA, MISS., TO EXAMINE VICTIM GUYOT AT MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL. EXAMINATION MADE AT NINE FORTYFIVE P.M. VICTIM GUYOT COMPLAINED OF HEAD PAINS AND BLOOD PASSING FROM BOTH EARS. [REDACTED] DETERMINED THAT BLOOD PRESSURE AND EYE PUPILS WERE NORMAL. A SLIGHT BRUISE WAS NOTICED BELOW RIGHT EYE AND EXAMINATION OF BOTH EARS FAILED TO DISCLOSE RUPTURED EAR DRUMS OR ANY BLEEDING IN EITHER EAR. VICTIM GUYOT ALSO COMPLAINED OF PAIN IN NECK. EXAMINATION

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REVEALED LARGE BRUISE ON POSTERIOR RIGHT CHEST WHICH APPEARED TO BE MORE THAN ONE DAY OLD. VICTIM GUYOT DID NOT HAVE ANY SKIN LACERATIONS.

VICTIM GUYOT WAS ABLE TO WALK, TALK INTELLIGENTLY, AND HAD COMPLETE USE OF BOTH EYES AND EARS. [REDACTED] PRESCRIBED METHADON. ONE TABLET WAS GIVEN TO VICTIM GUYOT AT TIME OF EXAMINATION AND TWO TABLETS WERE LEFT WITH THE JAILER TO BE ADMINISTERED EVERY FOUR HOURS IN CASE OF PAIN.

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AT ONE FORTY PM, TWELFTH INSTANT, CHIEF HERROD PERMITTED AGENTS IN JAIL. [REDACTED] STATED VICTIMS COULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED UNLESS INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED IN HIS PRESENCE. CHIEF OVERRULED [REDACTED] BUT STATED PHOTOGRAPHS COULD NOT BE TAKEN IN JAIL OF VICTIMS. CHIEF STATED AGENTS WOULD HAVE ONLY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME FOR INTERVIEWS THIS PM.

SET UP IN JAIL SUCH THAT ONLY ONE VICTIM CAN BE INTERVIEWED AT A TIME IN ORDER TO INSURE PRIVACY. EFFORTS BEING MADE INTERVIEW ALL VICTIMS THIS PM.

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URGENT 6-12-63 8-10 PM KGF

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /44-1063/ 6-0

CHANGED -- UNSUB, FANNIE HAMER, ET AL DASH VICTIMS, CR.

TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO REFLECT CORRECT SPELLING OF VICTIM
HAMER-S NAME. NAME PREVIOUSLY LISTED AS FANNY HUMMER.

CHIEF OF POLICE THOMAS HERROD ARRIVED AT MONTGOMERY COUNTY
JAIL, WINONA, TO ALLOW AGENTS TO CONTINUE INTERVIEWS OF VICTIMS
AT ONE TWENTY SEVEN PM, BUT DID NOT ALLOW AGENTS IN JAIL UNTIL
ONE FORTY PM. FIRST INTERVIEW, WHICH WAS WITH VICTIM PONDER,
COMMENCED AT TWO ZERO TWO PM. PONDER ADVISED AS FOLLOWS.

SHE WAS ARRESTED WITH OTHER VICTIMS OUTSIDE STALEY-S
CAFE AT ^{TR} JAILWAYS BUS STATION AFTER BEING ORDERED OUT OF
CAFE BY COP AND HIGHWAY PATROLMAN. SHE AND OTHER VICTIMS
TAKEN TO MONTGOMERY CO. JAIL, WHERE SHE WAS BEATEN SUNDAY
AFTER ARRIVAL AT JAIL BY MISS. ^{REC-35} HIGHWAY PATROLMAN AND ONE OR TWO
OTHER WHITE MEN, ONE OF WHOM WAS IN BLUE UNIFORM. STATED HAS
BRUISES ON THIGHS, HIPS, BUTTOCKS AND AROUND LEFT EYE AND TEMPLE.
CORR PARA THREE FIRST LINE WORD THREE SHOULD BE "TRAILWAYS"

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SWELLING WAS NOTED AROUND LEFT EYE BY AGENTS. STATED SHE WAS ALSO PUNCHED IN STOMACH BY HIGHWAY PATROLMAN AND WAS THEN RETURNED TO HER CELL. SHE DID NOT REQUEST A DOCTOR. WAS NOTIFIED LATE MONDAY NIGHT HER TRIAL WOULD BE NEXT MORNING IN CITY COURT.

PONDER STATED SHE WAS TRIED ALONG WITH OTHER VICTIMS TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE ELEVEN LAST IN CITY HALL. CHARGES READ TO HER REGARDING DISTURBING THE PEACE AT STALEY-S CAFE AND RESISTING ARREST AT JAIL. SHE DID NOT PLEAD GUILTY BUT WAS FOUND GUILTY. WAS NOT REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL BUT CITY ATTORNEY WAS PRESENT DURING TRIAL. SHE WAS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND BOND SET AT TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS, AND WAS RETURNED TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL IMMEDIATELY AFTER TRIAL.

JUNE JOHNSON, AGE FIFTEEN, INTERVIEWED THREE THIRTY SIX PM TODAY AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS.

SHE WAS ARRESTED AT TRAILWAYS BUS CAFE, WINONA, JUNE NINE LAST WITH OTHER VICTIMS BY HIGHWAY PATROLMAN AND ANOTHER OFFICER. LATER TRANSPORTED TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL WHERE SHE CLAIMED SHE WAS SLAPPED BY HIGHWAY PATROLMAN AND WHEN SHE FELL TO THE FLOOR SHE SAW THREE WHITE MEN KICKING HER. AFTER GETTING UP,
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SHE WAS KICKED THROUGH A DOOR INTO THE CELL BLOCK.

ON MONDAY NIGHT, HIGHWAY PATROLMAN CAME TO HER CELL AND TOLD JOHNSON TO WRITE QUOTE, I WAS NOT HURT AT THE BUS STATION OR AT THE JAIL AND I AM WRITING THIS OF MY OWN FREE WILL AND WITHOUT ANY PRESSURE UNQUOTE. SHE STATED SHE SIGNED THIS STATEMENT BECAUSE SHE WAS INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.

A CUT MARK WAS NOTED ON JOHNSON-S LOWER LIP.

JOHNSON STATED SHE WENT TO COURT MORNING JUNE ELEVEN LAST WITH OTHER VICTIMS BUT WHEN AUTHORITIES DISCOVERED HER AGE, SHE WAS NOT TRIED, DID NOT MAKE ANY PLEA, AND WAS RETURNED TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL.

FANNIE HAMER ADVISED SHE DID NOT DESIRE TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT UNTIL SHE WAS RELEASED FROM JAIL.

EUVESTER SIMPSON AND ROSEMARY FREEMAN ADVISED THEY WERE NOT BEATEN OR PHYSICALLY MISTREATED AFTER THEIR ARREST. THEY HEARD NOISES WHICH CAUSED THEM TO BELIEVE ANNELL PONDER, FANNIE HAMER AND JUNE JOHNSON WERE BEING BEATEN, BUT DID NOT WITNESS BEATING.

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[REDACTED] SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. THREE THREE FOUR AUBURN AVE., ATLANTA, GA., POSTED BOND AT FOUR PM TODAY FOR RELEASE OF VICTIMS PONDER, FREEMAN, HAMER AND SIMPSON. JOHNSON WAS RELEASED TO HER PARENTS. ALL VICTIMS IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO GREENWOOD, MISS., WITH EXCEPTION OF WEST AND GUYOT, WHO ARE STILL CONFINED MONTGOMERY CO. JAIL. GUYOT BEING HELD ON CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION FOR MURDER.

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THE EXACT CHARGES READ TO VICTIMS LOCKED IN CITY HALL CABINET AND MAYOR BILLINGSLEY,, WHO IS OUT OF TOWN FOR REMAINDER OF DAY, HAS THE ONLY KEY TO THE CABINET.

SHERIFF E. W. PATRIDGE WAS CONTACTED REGARDING LETTER FOUND ON GUYOT. STATED LETTER IN HIS POSSESSION AND INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN IF THERE HAD BEEN A KILLING. PATRIDGE STATED IF CONTACTED ON JUNE THIRTEEN NEXT HE WOULD DISCUSS FURNISHING A COPY TO AGENTS.

[REDACTED] ACCOMPANIED [REDACTED] VISITED VICTIM GUYOT IN CARROLL COUNTY JAIL, CARROLLTON, MISS., JUNE TEN LAST. [REDACTED] NOTICED THAT GUYOT-S FACE WAS SWOLLEN AND THAT GUYOT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN BEATEN. [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED

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BY SHERIFF, CARROLL COUNTY, ON HIGHWAY EIGHTY TWO FOLLOWING VISIT WITH GUYOT. [] ADVISED THAT [] WAS DRIVING EIGHTY MPH AND HAD PASSED A CAR ON A YELLOW LINE PRIOR TO THE ARREST.

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[] WAS FINED TWENTY NINE DOLLARS SEVENTY FIVE CENTS BY JUSTICE OF PEACE, CARROLLTON, AND WAS RELEASED AFTER PAYMENT OF NINETEEN DOLLARS CASH.

[] SNCC, FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT ADVISING THAT HE WAS PRESENT WHEN VICTIM GUYOT WAS ARRESTED AT WINONA, MISS. [] ADVISED A PATROLMAN, MHSP, NAME UNKNOWN, SLAPPED GUYOT TWICE WHEN GUYOT REFUSED TO SAY QUOTE SIR UNQUOTE. SHERIFF PATRIDGE AND DEPUTY SHERIFF, NAME UNKNOWN, WERE PRESENT WHEN PATROLMAN SLAPPED GUYOT. [] DID NOT SEE GUYOT AFTER THE PATROLMAN, SHERIFF AND DEP. SHERIFF TOOK GUYOT INTO COURTHOUSE AT WINONA.

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OURDEY BERNARD WASHINGTON, WITNESS ON BUS, OBSERVE D VICTIMS LEAVE BUS. WASHINGTON DID NOT OBSERVE ARRESTS OF VICTIMS AS BUS LEFT WITHOUT VICTIMS. MHSP PATROL CAR WAS OBSERVED AT BUS STATION BY WASHINGTON PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF BUS.

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SNCC WORKERS UNABLE TO LOCATE OTHER WITNESSES ON BUS
BECAUSE OF DEATH OF MEDGAR EVERS, JACKSON, MISS. ATTEMPTS TO
LOCATE THREE REMAINING WITNESSES ON BUS CONTINUING.

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CHANGED. USNUBS, FANNY LOU HAMER, ET AL. DASH VICTIMS. CR.
TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO SHOW THE CORRECT NAME OF HAMER AS
FURNISHED BY HER. TITLE FORMERLY CARRIED AS FANNY HUMMER.

RE ATLANTA TELEPHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS JUNE THIRTEEN, LAST.

VICTIM HAMER ARRESTED BY UNSUB BELIEVED TO BE A SHERIFF OF
DEPUTY ON JUNE NINE, LAST, WINONA, MISSISSIPPI. BUS STATION.
VICTIM DID NOT USE FACILITIES AT TERMINAL BUT WAS ARRESTED WHEN
SHE INQUIRED ABOUT OTHER VICTIMS BEING ARRESTED. SHE WAS NOT
FURNISHED THE NATURE OF THE CHARGES UNTIL HER APPEARANCE IN COURT
JUNE ELEVEN, LAST, WHEN SHE WAS CHARGED WITH IMMORAL CONDUCT AND
RESISTING ARREST. SHE WAS RELEASED ON TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS BOND,
JUNE TWELVE, LAST. VICTIM CLAIMS SHE DID NOT RESIST ARREST AT
ANY TIME AND SHE WAS KICKED BY UNSUB SHERIFF OR DEPUTY WHEN
ENTERING HIS CAR TO GO TO JAIL. AFTER BEING PLACED IN JAIL VICTIM
WAS BEATEN BY TWO NEGRO MALE PRISONERS WITH BLACKJACK ON INSTRUCTIONS
FROM UNSUB, MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROLMAN IN THE PRESENCE OF TWO
OTHER WHITE MALES, ONE OF WHOM WAS SEEN LATER IN THE UNIFORM OF

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OF WINONA, MISSISSIPPI POLICE OFFICER. THE THIRD WHITE MALE IN THE CELL STRUCK VICTIM WITH HIS HAND IN ATTEMPT TO QUIET HER SCREAMING WHEN BEING BEATEN BY THE PRISONERS. NO MEDICAL TREATMENT AFFORDED HER.

VICTIM HAMER SAID FBI PHOTOGRAPHED HER IN GREENWOOD, MISS., AND MADE APPOINTMENT TO INTERVIEW HER AT TEN A. M. JUNE THIRTEEN, LAST BUT SHE HAD TO LEAVE TOWN TO GO TO ATLANTA. VICTIM LEAVING ATLANTA TO GO TO WASHINGTON, ^PD. C. TO SEE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.

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Enclosed are two prints each of photos taken of victims
Hamer and Ponder at Bureau by Bureau photographer

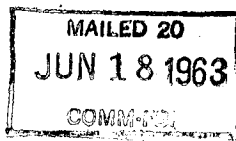
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Furnish one set to USA.

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TO SAC MEMPHIS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUBS; FANNIE HAMER; LAWRENCE GUYOT, ET AL DASH VICTIMS.
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AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
INVESTIGATION WAS FORWARDED YOUR OFFICE JUNE FIFTEEN LAST.

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION REQUESTED COLON ONE.

INTERVIEW ALL PERSONS IN THE WINONA JAIL JUNE NINE, TEN, ELEVEN
OR TWELVE LAST WHO MAY HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF BEATINGS GIVEN VICTIMS;
TWO. INTERVIEW ALL JAIL PERSONNEL; THREE. INTERVIEW ALL VISITORS
AT JAIL DURING PERIOD JUNE NINE THROUGH TWELVE LAST; FOUR.

IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW ALL PERSONS PRESENT AT VICTIMS' TRIALS
JUNE ELEVEN LAST; FIVE. IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW ALL PERSONS
PRESENT AT TRAILWAYS TERMINAL WHEN VICTIMS ARRESTED AND

TRANSPORTED TO JAIL, PARTICULARLY, PERSON DESCRIBED AS QUOTE
YOUNG MAN END QUOTE WITH QUOTE CREWCUT END QUOTE. IDENTIFY

AND INTERVIEW CITY PATROLMAN AND OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT AT
TERMINAL DURING INCIDENT; SIX. INSPECT RADIO LOG OF WINONA
POLICE DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO ARRESTS AND JAILING OF VICTIMS

AND INTERVIEW FIRE CHIEF REPORTED AS HAVING MADE INITIAL COMPLAINT

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RE: UNSUBS; FANNIE HAMER; LAWRENCE GUYOT,
ET AL - VICTIMS; CR.

OF DISTURBANCE AT TERMINAL; SEVEN. MAKE FLOOR PLAN OF COUNTY
JAIL; EIGHT. OBTAIN AND PRESEERVE PERTINENT PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
SUCH AS, VICTIMS CLOTHING, BROKEN JEWELRY, ETC.; NINE. IDENTIFY
AND INTERVIEW DRIVER AND OTHER PASSENGERS ABOARD TRAILWAYS BUS
ON WHICH VICTIMS ARRIVED IN WINONA RELATIVE TO CONDUCT OF
VICTIMS EN ROUTE AND KNOWLEDGE OF INCIDENT AT TERMINAL.

DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY [] WILL CONTACT YOUR OFFICE TO
REVIEW ANY REPORTS ON CASE AND MAY REQUEST ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION.
IF REQUEST LOGICAL, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AND ADVISE BUREAU.

HANDLE PURSUANT TO MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS, SECTION TWENTY-
SEVEN. ADVISE PERSONS CONTACTED INVESTIGATION AT REQUEST OF
AAG MARSHALL, CRD.

NOTE: This case involves an allegation that four victims were
beaten upon arrest after they entered a cafe attached to the bus
terminal in Winona, Mississippi. On Saturday, 6/15/63,
[] CRD, handcarried written request for investigation
indicated above to BU which was forwarded to ME Office. ME was
alerted telephonically that [] would be in contact with
office and that request was forthcoming. This is being
forwarded ME Office in event written request not yet received
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Memorandum

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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FROM : *BM* Burke Marshall, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division

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SUBJECT: Police Brutality
Thomas Herrod,
Chief of Police, Winona, et al;
Fannie Hamer, et al - Victims
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With respect to the allegations already being investigated by your Bureau of the beating of Fannie Hamer, Annell Ponder, Rosemary Freeman, Euvester Simpson, James West and Lawrence Guyot in the Montgomery County jail in Winona, Mississippi on June 9, 1963, the following investigation is desired.

1. Interview all persons who were in the jail on June 9, 10, 11 or 12, 1963, who may have any knowledge of the beatings or of injuries sustained by the victims.
2. Interview all jail personnel.
3. Interview any visitors at the jail during the period June 9 through June 12, 1963. The victim Fannie Hamer relates that a man who appeared to be a white clergyman visited the jail on one occasion. [redacted] also saw and spoke to the victims during their incarceration.
4. Identify and interview all persons who were present at the trials of the victims in police court on June 11. According to the victims the trial was held in a small room with few present. Victims Hamer and Ponder state that most of the men present at their beatings were also present at their trial.
5. Identify and interview all persons present at the Trailways Terminal when the victims were arrested and transported to the county jail. In particular, identify and interview "a young man" with a "crew cut" who is reported by Mrs. Hamer as riding in the front seat with Sheriff Partridge when she was driven to the county jail. Also identify and interview the city patrolmen as well as any other law enforcement officers. Also seek to identify and interview the white man reported by the victims Hamer and Ponder to have boarded the bus for a few minutes outside of Winona and then to have boarded the bus again for a few minutes after it had arrived in Winona.
6. Inspect the radio log of the Winona Police Department which may have information bearing upon the arrest and incarceration

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of the victims. In this connection interview the Fire Chief of Winona who is stated by Chief Herrod as having made the initial complaint of a disturbance at the terminal.

7. Make a floor plan of the county jail showing the location of the cells in which the victims were held, interview rooms, etc.

8. Obtain and preserve all pertinent physical evidence in possession of victims, such as blood stained, torn clothing, broken jewelry, etc.

9. Identify and interview the driver and other passengers aboard the Trailways bus on which the victims arrived in Winona. They should be questioned regarding the demeanor and conduct of the victims en route to Winona as well as any knowledge they may have of the events at the terminal.

an attorney of this Division, will be interviewing the victims in Mississippi with a view to obtaining affidavits within the next day or two. He will contact your resident agent in Greenwood upon his arrival to review any reports on the case which are available. He will also furnish your Greenwood office any additional specific leads which he may have.

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This investigation should be conducted as expeditiously as possible.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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The Department of Justice today brought suit to secure an immediate halt to further prosecution of six Negro voting registration workers arrested June 9 on baseless charges outside the bus terminal in Winona, Mississippi.

Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy said a civil complaint filed today in Oxford, Mississippi asserted that the purpose of the arrests -- for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest -- was to discourage the six and other Negro passengers from attempting to use the bus terminal facilities freely.

The prosecution of the six constitutes an unlawful and unconstitutional interference with interstate commerce and with Interstate Commerce Commission regulations forbidding racial discrimination, Mr. Kennedy said.

Named as defendants were the City of Winona, located in Montgomery County, in north central Mississippi; Martin C. Billingsley, its mayor; Thomas Herrod, its police chief; and Earl W. Patridge, the county sheriff.

The complaint asked the United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi for temporary and permanent injunctions forbidding the defendants to interfere in any way with Negroes' use of bus terminal facilities in Winona.

The suit also asked that they be required to drop any prosecution of the six Negroes arrested. The six were ~~arrested~~ ^{arrested} June 20, 1961 and subsequently released on \$100 appeal bond. Their appeals to Mississippi Circuit Court would require new trials.

Mr. Kennedy said filing of the suit followed unsuccessful efforts by the Department to secure voluntary action by Winona officials.

The six Negroes, all from Mississippi, included one man, James West, and five women, Mrs. Fannie Hamer, Annell Ponder, June Johnson, Rosemary Freeman, and Euvester Simpson.

The six were in Winona June 9 on a brief rest stop during a bus trip from Charleston, S.C. to Greenwood, Mississippi. Five of them entered the terminal restaurant, but were ordered out by Herrod.

They left and were standing peaceably outside the terminal. Herrod arrested them, nonetheless. Immediately afterwards, Patridge arrested Mrs. Hamer, who had not gone into the restaurant but who also was standing outside.

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There was no lawful reason or justification for any of the arrests, the complaint said.

They were convicted June 11 in the Winona Police Court with Mayor Billingsley sitting as Police Justice.

According to the complaint, Mayor Billingsley gave assurances to the Department in early 1962 that the City of Winona would not interfere with ICC regulations forbidding racial discrimination in interstate commerce. The regulations went into effect November 1, 1961.

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EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, UNSUBS, ET AL. FANNY LOU HAMER,
ET AL DASH VICTIMS, CR, IMP.

[REDACTED] RADIO STATION WGRM, NBC AFFILIATE,
GREENWOOD, MISS., ADVISED AS FOLLOWS, JUNE EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

HE RECEIVED CALL FROM NBC, NYC, EIGHT THIRTY PM, JUNE
TEN LAST, IN WHICH CALL HE WAS ADVISED THAT NBC HAD BEEN NOTIFIED
BY SNCC HEADQUARTERS, GREENWOOD, THAT LAWRENCE GUYOT HAD BEEN
SEVERELY BEATEN AND TEMPORARILY BLINDED AS RESULT OF BEATING AND
WAS INCARCERATED MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL, WINONA. NBC DESIRED
HAVE AUTHENTICITY OF STORY CHECKED.

[REDACTED] CONTACTED OFFICIALS IN WINONA CONCERNING BEATING
AND THEN WENT TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL, WINONA, WHERE HE WAS
GIVEN PERMISSION BY MAYOR OF WINONA AND OTHER OFFICIALS,
INCLUDING SHERIFF AND CHIEF OF POLICE OF WINONA, TO TALK TO AND
OBSERVE LAWRENCE GUYOT AT THE JAIL.

GUYOT WAS ABLE TO WALK AND SHOWED NO SIGNS OF A LIMP.

[REDACTED] ASKED GUYOT IF HE WAS ALL RIGHT AND GUYOT REPLIED IN THE

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AFFIRMATIVE. HE ASKED GUYOT CONCERNING BRUISES ON GUYOT-S BACK AND GUYOT TOLD HIM RECEIVED BRUISES WHEN HE FELL FROM HIS CAR WHILE A FRIEND WAS DRIVING CAR.

[REDACTED] PROMINENT BUSINESSMEN, WINONA, WERE AT JAIL ON NIGHT OF JUNE TEN LAST, OBSERVED GUYOT, AND SAW NO OUTWARD SIGNS OF BEATING.

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ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE [REDACTED] KILMICHAEL, MISS., UNSUCCESSFUL.

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LAWRENCE GUYOT CONTACTED THIS DATE RE CLOTHING AND ADVISED CLOTHING HE WAS WEARING WHEN ARRESTED HAS BEEN LAUNDERED.

ANNELL PONDER AND FANNY LOU HAMER ARE STILL LOCATED IN ATLANTA, GA. ATLANTA HAS BEEN REQUESTED OBTAIN CLOTHING FROM THESE VICTIMS.

DIAGRAM OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL, WINONA, OBTAINED FROM SHERIFF EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE. PATRIDGE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY PERSON WITH HIM WHEN ARRESTS MADE AT BUS STATION.

[REDACTED] STALEY-S CAFE, SAW SOME NEGROES IN CAFE, EXACT NUMBER UNKNOWN, SEATED AT COUNTER, AND COP HEROD

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AND A MISS. HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROLMAN TALKING TO THEM FOR A FEW MINUTES. ALL THEN DEPARTED CAFE.

[REDACTED] STALEY-S CAFE, SAW FOUR OR FIVE NEGROES IN CAFE BEING TALKED TO BY HEROD AND A MISS. HIGHWAY PATROLMAN. ALL THEN GOT UP AND LEFT CAFE.

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[REDACTED] STALEY-S CAFE, SAW FIVE OR SIX NEGROES ENTER CAFE AND SIT AT COUNTER. SHE WAS BUSY AT OTHER END OF COUNTER AND WHEN W SHE NEXT LOOKED UP, NEGROES HAD LEFT.

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[REDACTED] STALEY-S CAFE, SAW NEGROES IN CAFE SITTING AT COUNTER AND APPROACHED BY COP HEROD AND A MISS. HIGHWAY PATROLMAN WHO APPARENTLY TALKED WITH THEM. SHE DID NOT HEAR ANY CONVERSATION. A FEW MINUTES LATER ALL LEFT CAFE.

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NONE OF THE ABOVE STALEY EMPLOYEES ACTUALLY SAW ARREST. CLOTHING WORN BY JUNE JOHNSON AT TIME OF ARREST OBTAINED. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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(MISS. VOTERS)

WASHINGTON--THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, TODAY, FILED A SUIT AIMED AT HALTING PERSECUTION OF SIX NEGRO REGISTRATION WORKERS WHO WERE ARRESTED JUNE 9TH, IN WINONA, MISS., ON CHARGES OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND RESISTING ARREST.

ATTY. GEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, SAID THAT THE CIVIL COMPLAINT FILED IN OXFORD, MISS.--CHARGED THAT THE ARRESTS WERE INTENDED TO DISCOURAGE THE SIX AND OTHER NEGRO PASSENGERS FROM USING BUS TERMINAL FACILITIES AT WINONA.

THERE WAS NO LAWFUL REASON OR JUSTIFICATION FOR ANY OF THE ARRESTS, THE COMPLAINT SAID.

THE SUIT DID NOT INVOLVE COMPLAINTS OF POLICE BRUTALITY WHICH HAD BEEN FILED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ARRESTS. THE FBI IS STILL INVESTIGATING THESE COMPLAINTS.

KENNEDY SAID THE PERSECUTION OF THE SIX VOTING REGISTRATION WORKERS CONSTITUTES AN UNLAWFUL AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL INTERFERENCE WITH INTERSTATE COMMERCE AND WITH INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSIONS FORBIDDING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

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When will our investigation be completed?

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 6/18/63

FROM : A. Rosen

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This case involves the arrest of six Negro voter registration workers who entered the restaurant in the Trailways Bus Depot, Winona, Mississippi, 6/9/63. Four of these victims were allegedly physically mistreated after their arrests. A seventh victim, Lawrence Guyot, was arrested later in the afternoon 6/9/63, when he went to the Chief of Police to inquire concerning the earlier arrests. Guyot also alleged that he was beaten after his arrest.

Investigation was instituted 6/10/63, at the request of the Department and the matter has been pressed vigorously. The Attorney General and the Civil Rights Division were advised of pertinent developments by memoranda of 6/12, 13/63, and the Civil Rights Division has been kept currently advised of all developments as they are received.

Additional extensive investigation was requested by the Department on 6/15/63, which is being given vigorous and expeditious handling. A report of investigation conducted to date is being furnished to a Departmental Attorney on the scene today pursuant to the Department's request and will be furnished to the Civil Rights Division immediately upon receipt at the Bureau.

The field has been instructed to complete all remaining investigation and submit closing report by 6/19/63.

ACTION

This is submitted for information.

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EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, UNSUBS, ET AL, ROSIE MARY FREEMAN,
FANNIE LOU HAMER, ET AL DASH VICTIMS, CR, IMP.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO NEW ORLEANS JUNE EIGHTEEN AND NEW ORLEANS
TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS JUNE EIGHTEEN.

[REDACTED] DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY, HAS REQUESTED THAT
DRIVER OF CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS BUS THAT ARRIVED WINONA, MISS. EN
ROUTE SOUTH FROM MEMPHIS, TENN. TO JACKSON, MISS. ON JUNE NINE
LAST AT APPROXIMATELY TEN FORTY AM DEPARTING WINONA ELEVEN AM
SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF HE WITNESSED
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VICTIMS AT THE TRAILWAYS BUS STATION, WINONA,
OR THE ARREST OF THE VICTIMS BY THE SUBJECTS AT THE BUS STATION.

IT IS NOTED VICTIMS TRAVELED ON A WEST BOUND BUS ARRIVING
WINONA APPROXIMATELY TEN FIFTY AM, JUNE NINE, AND SHOULD HAVE
DEPARTED AT ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM.

ON JUNE NINETEEN INSTANT [REDACTED]
DRIVERS, CONTINENTAL SOUTHERN LINES, AKA CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS,
THREE TWO SEVEN GAYOSO, MEMPHIS, ADVISED DRIVER OF ABOVE BUS IS

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[] STATIONED JACKSON, MISS. [] CAN BE CONTACTED
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SOUTHERN LINES, TWO ZERO ONE EAST PASCAGOULA, JACKSON, MISS.

NEW ORLEANS AT JACKSON, UACB, CONTACT []

[] CONTINENTAL SOUTHERN LINES AND ARRANGE INTERVIEW
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BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED INVESTIGATION BE COMPLETED BY JUNE
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: USA, Memphis, Tennessee

Report of: SA MICHAEL BARON
Date: June 18, 1963

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: NO 44-1810

Bureau File No.:

Title: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE;
UNSUBS, ET AL;
ROSIE MARY FREEMAN;
FANNIE LOU HAMER; ET AL - VICTIMSALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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appeal #93-0127

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - IMPERSONATION

Synopsis:

[redacted] Continental Southern Lines, Inc., Alexandria, La., advised company policy to allow employees to be interviewed by FBI re Civil Rights Matters; however, interview must be in presence of company representative. He stated company representative for Mississippi is [redacted] Jackson, Miss. [redacted] made available an operators accident report signed by [redacted] operator bus 5208 run no. regular 1729, regarding incident at Winona, Miss., on 6/9/63. The report signed [redacted] and dated 6/15/63, shows under "Describe How Accident Happened" that [redacted] arrived with a party of 10 Negroes on his bus at Winona, on 6/9/63. The report shows that [redacted] saw Negroes go in cafe side of bus station and back out again. Report shows he saw a man put a Negro girl in car. When [redacted] checked bus passengers he was 6 passengers short. [redacted] checked bus station and passengers were not there and he asked the agent about them and agent and [redacted] decided that they had carried passengers to jail.

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DETAILS:

Date June 18, 1963

Continental Southern Lines, Inc., also known as Continental Trailways Bus System, 425 Bolton Avenue, Alexandria, Louisiana, advised that it is his company's policy to allow employees to be interviewed by the FBI in Civil Rights Matters. However, a representative of the company must be present during the interview. He advised that [redacted] Suite 700 Petroleum Building, Post Office Box 1250, telephone Fleetwood 5-2446, Jackson, Mississippi, is the company representative in Mississippi. He advised that [redacted] should be contacted to arrange an interview [redacted] He stated that [redacted] has authority to speak for the company and that he will desire to be present during the interview [redacted]

[redacted] made available a form, C-3W, Operators Accident Report, Continental Southern Lines, Inc., signed [redacted] and dated June 15, 1963, at Jackson, Mississippi, which shows the following information:

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| "Bus | 5208 |
| Make and type of vehicle | Coach |

Name of Operator

Age

Address of Operator

Mississippi

**Chauffeur License
Number in State of
Accident**

**Length of Employment
with Company**

6 years

On 6/18/63 at Alexandria, Louisiana File # NO 44-1810

by SA MICHAEL BARON :gas Date dictated 6/18/63

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| How Long on Duty at Time of Accident | 3 hours |
| How Many Hours Driving | 2½ hours |
| How Long Since Last Sleep of 7 hours | 3½ hours |
| Condition of Driver | Normal |
| Date of Accident | June 9, 1963 |
| At The Hours Of | 10:50 a.m. |
| Exact Place of Accident | Winona, Mississippi Bus Station |
| Number of Passengers | 27 |
| Origin of Run | Columbus, Mississippi |
| Run Number | Regular 1729 |
| Destination of Run | Greenville, Mississippi |
| Describe how Accident Happened | |

At the assigned rest stop at Winona on June 9, 1963. I pulled into station just about on time. Had a party of 10 Negroes. I saw them go in cafe side of bus station and back out. I was out loading my bus. Then I went on to the cafe. When I started to leave I saw a man put one Negro girl in a car. After I had loaded my bus I checked my passengers and found I was six short. I

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checked the station and they were not there. I asked the agent about them and she and myself decided they had carried them to jail."

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MEMPHIS /44-1063/

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 44-1810 2P

EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, UNSUBS, ET AL, ROSIE MARY FREEMAN,
FANNIE LOU HAMER, ET AL DASH VICTIMS, CR, IMP.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO NEW ORLEANS, JUNE EIGHTEEN, INSTANT.

[REDACTED] CONTINENTAL SOUTHERN LINES,
INC., AKA CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS BUS STATION, FOUR TWO FIVE
BOLTON AVENUE, ALEXANDRIA, LA., ADVISED THAT IT IS HIS COMPANY/S
POLICY TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES TO BE INTERVIEWED BY FBI IN CR MATTERS,
HOWEVER, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY MUST BE PRESENT DURING
INTERVIEW. ADVISED [REDACTED] JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,
IS COMPANY-S REPRESENTATIVE FOR MISSISSIPPI. STATED [REDACTED]
SHOULD BE CONTACTED TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]
STATED [REDACTED] HAS AUTHORITY TO SPEAK FOR COMPANY AND [REDACTED]
PROBABLY WILL DESIRE TO BE PRESENT DURING INTERVIEW
WITH [REDACTED]
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UACB, [REDACTED] WILL BE INTERVIEWED RE THIS MATTER IN
THE PRESENCE OF CONTINENTAL SOUTHERN LINES, INC. REPRESENTATIVE
[REDACTED] OR HIS DESIGNEE.

NEW ORLEANS AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IS CONTACTING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND ARRANGEING FOR INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

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cc. Mr. McDonough

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1063)

From: Director, FBI

EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, UNSUBS;
ET AL.;

① ROSIE MARY FREEMAN, FANNIE LOU
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Upon completion of investigation and submission of closing report, you should prepare a concise letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination, setting forth a summary of pertinent facts and results of investigation conducted.

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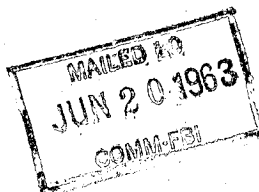
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /44-1063/ 2P

UNSUBS, FANNIE HAMER, ET AL, VICTIMS, CR.

[REDACTED] ADVISED NO RECORDS OF VISITORS
TO JAIL MAINTAINED. ON SUNDAYS PERSONS ALLOWED TO COME AND GO
FROM JAIL AT WILL SINCE PERSONS INCARCERATED AND VISITORS ARE
LOCAL PEOPLE KNOWN TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE DOES NOT DESIRE THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BE INTERVIEWED. HE POINTED OUT THAT NEITHER SPENT
ANY TIME IN THE LOCKUP AREA AND ONLY PASSED THROUGH THE JAIL
AREA [REDACTED]

ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT PERSONS ATTENDING
COURT HEARING OF VICTIMS WERE AS FOLLOWS - [REDACTED] THOMAS
HEROD, RD CHIEF OF POLICE, E. W. PATRIDGE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY
SHERIFF, BILL SURRELL, PATROLMAN, WINONA PD, M. C. BILLINGSLEY,
WINONA MAYOR, POSSIBLY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND JOHN BASINGER, MISS. HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROLMAN,
ALL OF ABOVE HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED.

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[REDACTED] TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL,
WINONA, ADVISED THAT SHE WAS ON DUTY AT TIME VICTIMS ARRESTED.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT SHE DOES NOT RECALL ANYONE WHO MAY
HAVE BEEN IN TERMINAL AT TIME OF ARREST. [REDACTED] POINTED
OUT THAT SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF ARRESTS UNTIL AFTER POLICE AND
VICTIMS DEPARTED. THEREFORE DOES NOT BELIEVE ANYONE WHO MAY
HAVE BEEN IN TERMINAL WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO FURNISH ANY
INFORMATION. ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE FORMER INMATE [REDACTED]
ADDRESS MEMPHIS, TENN., AND [REDACTED] ONLY ADDRESS WINONA,
MISS., NEGATIVE TO DATE. OTHER INMATES STILL INCARCERATED.
SHERIFF E. W. PATRIDGE DECLINES TO ALLOW INTERVIEW OF THESE
INDIVIDUALS.

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DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY [REDACTED] HAS REQUESTED COPY OF
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT BEING SUBMITTED BUREAU TONIGHT. UACB
HIS REQUEST WILL BE GIVEN COMPLIANCE. P.
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS 44-1063 2P

UNSUBS, FANNIE HAMER, ET AL, DASH VICTIMS, CR.

MAYOR M. C. BILLINGSLEY, WINONA, MISS., ADVISED THIS
DATE CITY OF WINONA IS MADE UP OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN CONSISTING OF FIVE PERSONS. HE STATED THE BOARD
DID NOT MEET ON JUNE FIFTEEN LAST AND NO RESOLUTION COULD BE
PASSED WITHOUT A MEETING OF THE BOARD. HE STATED CONSEQUENTLY
NO RESOLUTION AS ALLEGED HAD BEEN PASSED BY THE BOARD OF
ALDERMEN AT WINONA. HE FURTHER ADVISED HE HAD HEARD OF NO
INCIDENT OCCURRING AT THE TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL ON JUNE
FIFTEEN LAST.

CHIEF OF POLICE, WINONA, ADVISED HE HAD HEARD NOTHING OF
AN INCIDENT ON JUNE FIFTEEN LAST AT THE TRAILWAYS BUS
STATION, WINONA.

TRAILWAYS BUS STATION,

HIGHWAY FIFTYONE, WINONA, MISS., ADVISED SHE WAS AT STATION
ALL DAY, JUNE FIFTEEN LAST AND TO HER KNOWLEDGE NO INCIDENT
OCCURRED.

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TRAILWAYS BUS COMPANY, ADVISED THIS DATE HE WAS AT THE
TRAILWAYS BUS STATION IN WINONA DURING THE ENTIRE DAY OF
JUNE FIFTEEN LAST AND THAT NO INCIDENT OCCURRED AT THE
STATION. P.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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| Reporting Office NEW ORLEANS | Office of Origin MEMPHIS | Date 6/20/63 | Investigative Period 6/20/63 |
| TITLE OF CASE EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE; UNSUBS; ET AL; ROSIE MARY FREEMAN; FANNIE LOU CAMER; ET AL - VICTIMS | | Report made by SA DONALD C. STEINMEYER | Typed By: mam |
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Synopsis:

REFERENCES:

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Please correct SA Timothy M. Carey Jr
report as indicated in attached.

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Report of: SA DONALD C. STEINMEYER Office: NEW ORLEANS
Date: 6/20/63

Field Office File No.: NO 44-1810 Bureau File No.:

Title: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE; UNSUBS; ET AL;
ROSIE MARY FREEMAN; FANNIE LOU HAMER;
ET AL - VICTIMS

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - IMPERSONATION

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Synopsis:

[redacted] driver, Continental Trailways Bus Line, interviewed. He advised he observed unidentified white male and Mississippi Highway Patrolman in Winona Bus Terminal, Winona, Mississippi. He also observed 5 or 6 Negroes enter bus terminal and shortly thereafter come out of terminal. He said he observed no arrests or mistreatment of any Negroes, although he was 6 Negro passengers short at departure time. [redacted] said he had no actual basis for believing his missing passengers had been arrested. [redacted] driver, Continental Trailways Bus Line, advised he observed 5 or 6 Negro females enter bus terminal and sit at counter. Unidentified white male approached Negroes, after which Negroes left terminal. [redacted] said he saw no arrests made or any mistreatment of anyone in or around the bus station and did not learn of arrests until following week when he read it in a newspaper.

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Date June 20, 1963

[redacted] address [redacted]
[redacted] Alabama, driver for Continental Trailways Bus Lines, after being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents, was interviewed in the office of [redacted] representative for Continental Trailways Bus Lines. [redacted] advised he was the driver of the bus which stopped at Winona, Mississippi, at the bus station about 10:50 AM, on June 9, 1963. He said he had 27 passengers as best he could recall, including 10 Negroes. He said he had a 25-minute rest stop at Winona, Mississippi. [redacted] saw his passengers get off the bus, and about five or six of the Negroes went into the bus station. [redacted] said he continued to unload his bus. A few minutes later, he saw this group of five or six Negroes come out of the bus station. Shortly thereafter, [redacted] said he entered the station to get something to eat. He said he noticed a white man in civilian clothes, wearing a side-arm. [redacted] said he presumed the white man with the gun was a Deputy Sheriff. [redacted] also said he noticed a Mississippi Highway Patrolman inside the station when he entered. He said he did not know the Highway Patrolman and did not feel he could describe him. [redacted] said he noticed nothing unusual inside the bus station while he was eating, and at about 11:15 AM he got his call to load the bus again to depart. When the passengers had returned to the bus, he noticed that six of the Negroes had not returned. He said he saw one Negro female enter a car, which did not appear to be a police car, when he was checking for his missing passengers but said he was not sure if this Negro female was one of his missing passengers or not. He said he checked again inside the station and asked the station master if she had seen the missing Negro passengers. She said she had not seen them, but between the two of them, [redacted] the station master, they presumed the missing Negroes had been arrested, although they had no actual information to this effect or any knowledge that this was in fact true. [redacted] advised that at no time did he observe any Negroes being struck by any other persons, white or Negro. [redacted] said he could furnish no additional information concerning this incident, and because he had no personal knowledge that his missing passengers had actually been arrested, he said he did not want to furnish a signed statement.

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Mississippi, after being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents, was interviewed in the office of [redacted] representative of the Continental Trailways Bus Lines in Jackson, Mississippi. [redacted] advised he is a driver for the Continental Trailways Bus Lines, and he said he arrived with his bus at the bus terminal in Winona, Mississippi, at 10:40 AM, on June 9, 1963. He said that he was scheduled to depart Winona at 11:00 AM. He said he was sitting in a booth inside the station when [redacted] bus arrived at the station about 10:50 AM. He said he was eating a sandwich. When the passengers from [redacted] bus were getting off the bus, he noticed five or six Negroes, all of whom he believed to be women, enter the bus station and sit at the counter. He said he saw some white man in civilian clothes walk up to the Negroes sitting at the counter and say something to the Negroes. [redacted] said he did not know what the white man said to the Negroes, and he said he could not describe the man, although he said he did not believe the white man to be a police officer, as he had no uniform, and he saw no gun on him.

[redacted] said immediately thereafter, the Negroes got up from the counter where they were sitting and went outside and stood on the sidewalk. [redacted] said he thought they stood outside at least five minutes, as he could see them from where he was sitting. Shortly thereafter, [redacted] received his call to load up and he proceeded to load for departure. [redacted] said he had his bus parked on one side of the station, [redacted] had his bus on the other side, so that from the time he, [redacted] proceeded to load his bus he did not see anything further regarding this incident. [redacted] advised that at no time had he observed any Negroes being struck by any other persons, white or Negro. [redacted] added that he had seen an unidentified Mississippi Highway Patrolman in the bus station when he was eating his sandwich, but he said he did not know him and could not describe him. He said he did not know anyone had been arrested at the bus station until a week later when he read in the Memphis paper that someone had been arrested. [redacted] said he could furnish no additional information concerning this incident, and in view of the fact that he knew so little of what happened, he said he did not want to furnish a signed statement in this matter.

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SA's [redacted] and
by DONALD C. STEINMEYER: mam Date dictated 6/20/63

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[redacted] Petroleum Building, Jackson, Mississippi, representative of the Continental Trailways Bus Lines, advised that he had briefly discussed this matter with both [redacted] and he said he was of the firm belief that neither of them had any knowledge of anyone being mistreated at the Winona, Mississippi, Bus Station on June 9, 1963.

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From: Director, FBI

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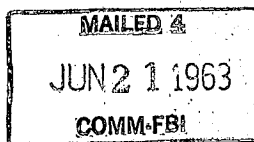
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Place appropriate identifying data on photos and
return one set to Bureau so set retained here can be properly
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

Director, FBI

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ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

FROM :

SAC, Memphis (44-1063) (P)

SUBJECT:

UNSUBS; FANNIE HAMER,
ET AL - VICTIMS
CR

(OO: Memphis)

The following items of exposed colored film are enclosed herewith:

7 four by five film holders containing color photographs of victims, taken at Winona and Greenwood, Miss., on 6/11&12/63, by SA LAWRENCE J. OLSON, SR.

It should be noted that when these photographs of GUYOT are forwarded to the Department and to other agencies, they should be designated as "obscene" inasmuch as they are photographs of the nude body of victim GUYOT.

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TO SAC MEMPHIS (44-1063)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, ET AL., ROSIE MARY FREEMAN, ET AL.,
DASH VICTIMS, CR, IMP.

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION TODAY ADVISED THAT DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEY [REDACTED] HAD REQUESTED YOUR OFFICE TO OBTAIN
PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECTS AND SUSPECTS SO SAME COULD BE
EXHIBITED TO VICTIMS AND WITNESSES AND [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED
MATTER HAD TO BE PRESENTED TO BUREAU IN WASHINGTON.

AS YOU WERE INSTRUCTED IN BUTEL JUNE SEVENTEEN, LAST,
ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION REQUESTED [REDACTED] WAS TO BE
INITIATED IF CONSIDERED LOGICAL. BUTEL OF JUNE THIRTEEN,
LAST, FURTHER INSTRUCTED YOUR OFFICE TO CONSIDER OBTAINING
PHOTOGRAPHS OF APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN
CONNECTION WITH THE IMPERSONATION ASPECTS OF THIS CASE.

IMMEDIATELY OBTAIN NECESSARY PHOTOGRAPHS FROM FILE REVIEWS,

NEWSPAPER SOURCES OR OTHER LOGICAL PLACES. PHOTOGRAPHS

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**TELETYPE TO SAC MEMPHIS
RE: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, ET AL.**

**SHOULD BE OBTAINED OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE WINONA PD AND
MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.**

**OBTAIN EXPLANATIONS AND FURNISH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.**

**NOTE: Victims were Negroes allegedly arrested for entering vicinities
of bus terminal in Winona, Mississippi, and subsequent to arrests were
allegedly beaten. Memphis was alerted telephonically on 6/15/63 and again
by teletype on Monday, 6/17/63, that [] would be in contact with
that office and would request additional investigation. Memphis was
instructed to institute such investigation if reasonable and logical on a
UACB basis.**

**Departmental Attorney [] advised this morning that []
had requested photographs yesterday afternoon and had been instructed by
Agents that he, [] would have to submit his request to the Bureau
through the Department in Washington, D. C.**

**Impersonation aspects of the case concern allegation that an
individual identifying himself as an FBI Agent had contacted victim Guyot
in Carrollton Jail on 6/10/63.**

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TO : Mr. Belmont *ubro*

DATE: June 13, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
 LAWRENCE GUYOT, ET AL. - VICTIMS
 CIVIL RIGHTS

Victim Annell Ponder has been interviewed and related that she was arrested with the other victims outside Staley's Cafe at the Trailways bus station, Winona, Mississippi, 6/9/63 after being ordered out of the cafe by the Chief of Police and highway patrolmen. She stated the victims were taken to the Montgomery County, Mississippi, jail where she was beaten by a highway patrolman and one or two other white men, one of whom was in a blue uniform. She allegedly has bruises on her thighs, hips and buttocks and left temple. The Agents noted a swelling around her left eye. Ponder also said she had been punched in the stomach by a highway patrolman but she did not request a doctor.

It is noted Chief of Police Thomas Herrod previously stated that Ponder pleaded guilty 6/11/63 to charges of disturbing the peace and resisting arrest. Ponder denied having pleaded guilty, stated she was found guilty, fined \$100 and bond was set at \$200.

Victim June Johnson has advised that after her arrest at the cafe with other victims 6/9/63 she was taken to the Montgomery County jail where she was slapped by a highway patrolman and when she fell to the floor she was kicked by three white men. After getting up she stated she was kicked through a door into a cell block. June Johnson, who is 15 years of age, said that while in jail 6/10/63, she signed a statement at the request of a highway patrolman to the effect that she was not hurt at the bus station or at the jail. The Agents noted a cut on her lower lip. Upon being taken to court 6/11/63, June Johnson stated that the authorities discovered her age and she was returned to jail without being tried or entering any plea.

Victim Fannie Hamer declined to make any statement pending her release from jail.

Victims Euvester Simpson and Rosemary Freeman, who were among the group arrested at the bus station cafe, stated they were not beaten or physically mistreated. They heard noises which caused them to believe that victims Ponder, Hamer and Johnson were being beaten but they did not witness any beating.

Enclosure *sent 6-13-63*

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RE: UNSUBS: LAWRENCE GUYOT, ET AL. - VICTIMS

June Johnson was released to her parents 6/12/63. Victims Ponder, Freeman, Hamer and Simpson were released on bond at 4:00 p.m., 6/12/63 and returned immediately to Greenwood, Mississippi. The bond was posted by [] the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). The remaining two victims, West and Guyot, who have been previously interviewed and alleged that they were beaten, remain in the Montgomery County, Mississippi, jail.

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[] Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), has furnished a signed statement to the effect that he was present when victim Guyot was arrested near the courthouse in Winona, Mississippi, 6/9/63. [] stated that a highway patrolman slapped Guyot twice when Guyot refused to say "Sir" and that Sheriff Patridge and a deputy sheriff were present when this occurred.

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Chief of Police Herrod has advised Guyot appeared before Mayor M. C. Billingsley, Winona, Mississippi, 6/12/63 and was fined \$65 for "cussing Chief of Police Herrod." He was returned to the Montgomery County jail in lieu of \$100 bail.

[] Winona, Mississippi, advised that he was called by the Mayor at 9:30 p.m., 6/10/63, to examine victim Guyot at the county jail. Guyot complained of head pains and blood passing from both ears. [] said that his blood pressure and eye pupils were normal and examination of both ears failed to disclose ruptured ear drums or any bleeding. He noticed a slight bruise below the right eye. Guyot also complained of pain in his neck and [] noted a large bruise on the posterior right chest which appeared to be more than one day old. He said that Guyot did not have any skin lacerations. [] prescribed a medicine for pain.

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While SAs Lawrence J. Olsen, Sr., and Orville V. Johnson were interviewing Mississippi State Highway Patrolman John L. Basinger, two individuals drove up in a Montgomery County Sheriff's car, called Basinger over to the car and conversed with him for several minutes. When Basinger returned he advised that the driver of the car was Sheriff Earl W. Patridge of Montgomery County and since the Agents had not previously met the Sheriff they went to the car and introduced themselves. Patridge informed the Agents that he had worked with

Memorandum for Mr. Belmont
RE: UNSUBS: LAWRENCE GUYOT, ET AL. - VICTIMS

the FBI in the past but that he was not going to work with the FBI again during his term of office which expires in November, 1963. He said that he and his staff would be checking on the activities of the Agents and that if during the course of their investigation the Agents should violate any local laws or ordinances, he would take action which would attract a great deal of publicity.

ACTION:

(1) Attached is a memorandum for the Attorney General.

(2) This matter is being vigorously pursued in order that it may be brought to a logical conclusion as quickly as possible and the Civil Rights Division is being advised of developments on a current basis.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /44-1063 1-P

EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, UNSUBS, ET AL. ROSIE MARY
FREEMAN, FANNIE LOU HAMER, ET AL - VICTIMS, CR, IMP.

REREP SA TIMOTHY M. CASEY, JR., JUNE SEVENTEEN,
NINETEEN SIXTY THREE, MEMPHIS.

FOLLOWING CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE IN REREP.

PAGE SEVENTY SEVEN, WORD QUOTE MONROE UNQUOTE, LINE
SIXTEEN, PARAGRAPH THREE, SHOULD BE CHANGED TO QUOTE CARROLL
UNQUOTE.

PAGE SEVENTY EIGHT, WORD QUOTE WINONA UNQUOTE, NEXT
TO LAST LINE, PARAGRAPH TWO, SHOULD BE QUOTE CARROLLTON.

FOREGOING ERRORS IN DICTATION WHICH RESIDENT AGENTS
DETECTED ON FIRST READING.

UACB, USA, OXFORD, MISS., AND DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY

REPORT.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /44-1063/ 2-P

EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, UNSUBS, ET AL. ROSIE MARY FREEMAN,
FANNIE LOU HAMER, ET AL - VICTIMS, CR, IMP.

INVESTIGATION STILL PENDING TO LOCATE [REDACTED]

INMATE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL AT TIME VICTIMS CONFINED.

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN RELEASED BUT LOCAL AUTHORITIES CLAIM DO NOT
HAVE ADDRESS FOR HIM. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE HIM THROUGH
RELATIVES.

INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS OF
MEMBERS WINONA PD AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF-S OFFICE.

EFFORTS BEING MADE COMPLETE THESE LEADS BY JUNE TWENTY
ONE NEXT. PENDING REPORT HAS BEEN DICTATED AND WILL BE
TRANSCRIBED JUNE TWENTY ONE NEXT. THIS REPORT WILL CONTAIN
LEAD TO FOLLOW RESULTS HEARING, USDC, OXFORD, MISS., JUNE TWENTY
FOUR NEXT ON INJUNCTION FILED AGAINST WINONA AUTHORITIES, JUNE
SEVENTEEN LAST. LEAD ALSO WILL BE SET FORTH TO OBTAIN OPINION
USA, OXFORD, AS TO MERITS OF THIS CASE.

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ADDITIONAL LEADS WILL BE SET FORTH TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS OF INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED ABOVE AND EXHIBIT TO VICTIMS. ALSO, TO DETERMINE WHEN INMATES, MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL, WHO WERE CONFINED THERE JUNE NINE, TEN, ELEVEN OR TWELVE LAST ARE RELEASED SO THEY MAY BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING ANY KNOWLEDGE THEY MAY HAVE CONCERNING BEATINGS. THIS NECESSARY INASMUCH AS WINONA OFFICIALS WILL NOT PERMIT INTERVIEW WITH INMATES WHILE CONFINED MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL.

UACB, PENDING REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED JUNE TWENTY ONE NEXT. DATE CLOSING REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED IS DEPENDENT UPON SUCCESS IN OBTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT AND DIFFICULTY ENCOUNTERED IN LOCATING VICTIMS TO WHOM PHOTOS ARE TO BE EXHIBITED. IF ALL INMATES OF MONTGOMRY COUNTY JAIL WHO MAY HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS BEATINGS ARE TO BE INTERVIEWED, THIS WOULD DELAY SUBMITTING CLOSING REPORT. TO DATE, EFFORTS OBTAIN ACCURATE INFORMATION RE RELEASE THESE INMATES UNSUCCESSFUL.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF INVESTIGATION RE INMATES, OBTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS AND EXHIBITING THESE PHOTOS, CLOSING REPORT COULD BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE TWENTY FIVE NEXT.

THIS CASE RECEIVING VIGOROUS INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION.

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To: SAC, Memphis

From: Director, FBI

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EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE,
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If not already done, recontact [] (page 8 of
rerep) to ascertain if he will furnish any additional
information. Also if possible obtain photos from [] (page
26). Also if not already done, ascertain if there is any
other Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman regularly
assigned to the Winona area in effort to resolve whether
another Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman was involved
and appropriately pursue.

Also submit letterhead memo of investigation to
date as requested in Buairtel 6/20/63.

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REFERENCES

Memphis report of SA TIMOTHY M. CASEY, JR., dated 6/17/63.
 Bureau air-tel to Memphis dated 6/15/63.
 New Orleans report of SA MICHAEL BARON dated 6/18/63.
 New Orleans report of SA DONALD C. STEINMEYER dated 6/20/63.

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AT OXFORD, MISS.

Will re-contact USA, Oxford, for opinion as to merits of this case. Will follow and report injunction proceedings set for 6/24/63, USDC, Oxford, Miss.

AT MEMPHIS, TENN. AND WINONA, MISS.

Will continue efforts to obtain photographs of members of the Winona PD and Montgomery County SO.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

It is to be noted that certain interviews in this matter were conducted by one Agent only. This was necessitated by the fact that only one Agent was available at the time of the interview.

On 6/17/63, [] Departmental Attorney, advised that he had received information that a second Trailways Bus was in the bus station at Winona, Miss. at the time of the victims' arrest and requested this driver be identified and interviewed. Results of this interview are set out in New Orleans report dated 6/20/63. []

[] also requested on 6/18/63 that unknown NBC newsman who allegedly talked to GUYOT in the Montgomery County Jail on 6/10/63 be located and interviewed. Results of interview with [] radio station WGRM, Greenwood, Miss. set out in this report.

On 6/19/63, the Atlanta Office advised that victims PONDER and HAMER presently in New York City and New York Office requested to obtain clothes victims were wearing at time of arrest. On 6/21/63, the New Orleans Office was requested to obtain photographs of members of the Winona PD and Montgomery County SO through logical sources.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: **JUNE 22, 1963**

Office: **MEMPHIS**

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Field Office File No.: **44-1063**

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Title: **EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, Sheriff, Montgomery County, Mississippi;
THOMAS J. HEROD, JR., Chief of Police, Winona, Mississippi;
JOHN L. BASINGER, Patrolman, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol,
Winona, Mississippi; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ROSIE MARY FREEMAN,
LAWRENCE GUYOT, FANNIE LOU HAMER, JUNE ELIZABETH JOHNSON,
~~SIX OTHER~~ ANNELL PONDER, EUVESTER SIMPSON, JAMES HAROLD WEST - VICTIMS**
Character: **CIVIL RIGHTS - IMPERSONATION**

Synopsis: **E. W. PATRIDGE, Sheriff, Montgomery County, Winona, Miss.,
declined to make inmates of jail available for interview.**
[REDACTED] white male, inmate of Montgomery
County Jail during pertinent period, states he saw victims
being brought to jail 6/9/63 but claims he did not observe
their being mistreated. [REDACTED] Negro, former in-
mate Montgomery County Jail, states he was placed in jail
6/9/63 after arrest of victims and that a young Negro male
who was in same cell [REDACTED] stated he had been arrested
at bus station. This young Negro, according to [REDACTED]
stated he had been whipped by other Negro prisoners. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Negro male, who was inmate Montgomery County Jail
during pertinent period states a young Negro prisoner in-
formed him he had been arrested at the Winona bus station.
[REDACTED] states he did not see any scars or marks on young
Negro, but that the young Negro stated he had been hit by
persons unknown to him and that he was sore. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] white male, inmate Montgomery County Jail during
pertinent period states he saw six Negroes being brought
into Montgomery County Jail 6/9/63, but that he did not see
Negroes mistreated. [REDACTED] Negro male, inmate Mont-
gomery County Jail during pertinent period, states he did
not observe beatings of victims. [REDACTED]
declined to be interviewed. Visitors' list not maintained
at jail. [REDACTED] who
were visitors at jail 6/10/63, state they did not see
evidence of police brutality. City Attorney, Winona, Miss.,
identified those present at trial of victims, Winona,
6/11/63. These persons have been interviewed and deny
having observed any evidence of brutality. Persons known to
have been at Trailways Bus Terminal 6/9/63 at time victims
were arrested, on interview, deny having observed arrests

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or any acts of mistreatment. Sheriff PATRIDGE declined to discuss identity of individual who accompanied him to Trailways Bus Station, 6/9/63. Winona PD does not maintain radio log. Floor plan of Montgomery County Jail obtained. Clothing of victim JUNE JOHNSON obtained. Bus drivers [redacted]

[redacted] interviewed by New Orleans Division of FBI. On 6/17/63, in USDC, NDM, Civil Action No. WC 6331, complaint and related documents, filed in matter captioned "United States of America v. City of Winona, Et Al," for injunctive relief against defendants. Motion to be heard USDC, Oxford, 6/24/63. Attempts to locate photographs of subjects and suspects unsuccessful to date.

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ENCLOSURES TO U. S. ATTORNEY:

One set of two (2) photographs of ANNELL PONDER and one set of five (5) photographs of FANNIE LOU HAMER.

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I. INMATES

Date June 21, 19631

Sheriff E. W. PATRIDGE of Montgomery County, Winona, Mississippi, was contacted at the Montgomery County Courthouse at which time he was advised of the nature of the investigation, of the identity of the interviewing agents, that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he furnished could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had a right to an attorney.

Request was made of Sheriff PATRIDGE to interview inmates who were presently incarcerated in the Montgomery County Jail, and he stated that he could not make these individuals available for interview.

On 6/13/63 at Winona, Mississippi File # ME 44-1063

by [redacted] and
SA's TIMOTHY M. CASEY, JR.:MNR Date dictated 6/19/63

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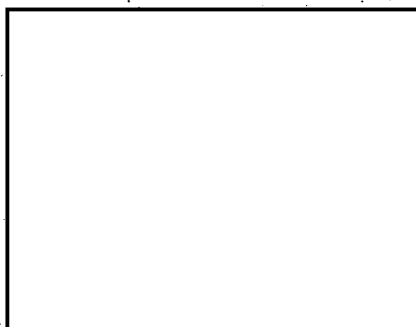
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[redacted] Montgomery County, Mississippi, Sheriff's Department, was advised that he did not have to furnish any information and any information furnished by him could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised of his right to consult an attorney prior to furnishing any information.

[redacted] was asked if he would furnish a photograph of himself to the interviewing Agents or allow the interviewing Agents to photograph him. He advised that he did not desire to furnish a photograph of himself or allow himself to be photographed.

[redacted] was asked if it would be permissible to interview prisoners presently incarcerated in the Winona City Jail who are in the custody of the Sheriff's Department. [redacted] advised that he would not be able to authorize such interviews since only the Sheriff has the authority to do this. He advised that the Sheriff is on vacation out of the city of Winona.

[redacted] was asked if the following individuals were presently incarcerated in the Winona Jail:



[redacted] advised that all of the above are incarcerated at the present time with the exception

[redacted]
He stated [redacted] are all serving long sentences.

On 6/21/63 at Winona, Mississippi File # ME 44-1063

by SA's FRANCIS FINLEY & JAMES J. CONWAY: sb Date dictated 6/21/63

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The following investigation was conducted by SA's TIMOTHY M. CASEY, JR. and [redacted] at Memphis, Tennessee, on June 20, 1963, in an attempt to ascertain the whereabouts of one [redacted] who was listed on the records of the Montgomery County Jail as serving time as of June 9, 1963:

Patrolman [redacted] Identification Division, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that his records reflect that one [redacted] has Memphis Police Department No. [redacted] and FBI No. [redacted] and reflect the following information pertaining [redacted]

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Height | 5' 11½" |
| Weight | 143 pounds |
| Eyes | Hazel |
| Hair | Medium brown |
| Build | Slender |
| Most Recent Address | [redacted] [redacted] Tennessee, as of December, 1962 |
| Prior Residence | [redacted] [redacted] Tennessee |
| Nearest of Kin | [redacted] [redacted] Mississippi; [redacted] same address |
| Arrest Record | [redacted] |

Deputy [redacted] Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Identification Division, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that his records fail to disclose any information pertaining to one [redacted]

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[redacted] Consumer Credit Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that her records disclosed that one [redacted] as of December 22, 1962, were living at [redacted] Tennessee. She stated that her records reflect that [redacted] was employed [redacted] and that [redacted] was employed [redacted] Tennessee.

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[redacted] Tennessee, advised that [redacted] resided with her at the above address up until March of 1963. She stated that she has had no contact [redacted] for the past two months and to her knowledge was last known to have been employed at [redacted] Tennessee. She advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] Personnel Department, [redacted] Tennessee, advised that her records failed to disclose that one [redacted] was ever employed by her firm. [redacted] Personnel Department, [redacted] Tennessee, advised that [redacted] was employed [redacted] by his company until January of 1962. He stated that the records reflect that [redacted] stated that he has no knowledge of [redacted] present whereabouts.

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[redacted] mentioned above, advised that inasmuch as she has had no contact [redacted] for the past two months, she feels that possibly he may be employed in Mississippi. She stated that [redacted] may possibly know the whereabouts [redacted]

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[redacted] Tennessee, advised that [redacted] however, she has not worked for this company for approximately one year. She stated that at the time of the termination of her employment, [redacted] was in the process of obtaining a [redacted] She advised that she has no knowledge pertaining to [redacted] present whereabouts nor does she know [redacted] maiden name.

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Date June 21, 1963

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Mississippi, was advised of the nature of the inquiry and that any statement made by him could be used in court. [redacted] advised as follows:

On Saturday, June 8, 1963, [redacted] left home at [redacted] Mississippi, and was driving through the city of Winona, Mississippi, when he was arrested by the Winona, Mississippi, Police Department and charged [redacted]. [redacted] was put in the Montgomery County Jail, Winona, Mississippi, sometime after darkness on the night of June 8, 1963. He was put in a cell with another man described as a white male, about thirty years of age, who had been arrested on "some kind of a whiskey charge." On the following day, June 9, 1963, a second white male (name unknown), about thirty years of age, who had been arrested on a charge [redacted] was put into the same cell with [redacted] his first cell mate.

On Sunday morning, June 9, 1963, one Negro male and five Negro females were brought into the jail. [redacted] personally observed these six Negroes being brought into the jail but he declined to describe the white officers who brought the prisoners into the jail. [redacted] said at one point that a highway patrolman and possibly some other officers brought the six Negroes into the jail but he then stated that he "did not know anything about who brought them into jail."

[redacted] emphatically claimed that he did not observe the six Negroes being mistreated in any way and that he did not know anything whatsoever about any mistreatment of these six Negro prisoners. [redacted] then remarked, "I knew you would be coming to see me." [redacted] stated that he did not wish to discuss the matter any further and did not wish to furnish a signed statement until he had an opportunity to make a telephone call. [redacted] declined to furnish the name of the person he desired to contact by telephone and the reason for the telephone call.

[redacted] explained that he was released from the Montgomery County Jail, Winona, Mississippi, on Sunday, June 9, 1963, when he paid part of his fine and left his automobile in custody of the Police Department with the agreement that he would return for his car and then pay the amount owed on his fine.

On 6/21/63 at [redacted] Mississippi File # ME 44-1063
by SA's ROBERT F. SAVARD, JR., and [redacted] mjh Date dictated 6/21/63

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[] stated he did return to Winona, Mississippi, on June 15, 1963, when he paid the remainder of his fine, obtained his car and returned to [] Mississippi.

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[] remarked that he "did not have any sympathy for niggers who wanted to eat in that white restaurant at Winona, Mississippi."

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[] then advised that he did have some information about the mistreatment of the six Negro prisoners at the Montgomery County Jail, Winona, Mississippi, but that he did not desire to discuss the matter any further at this time. [] obtained the mailing address, office telephone number and home telephone number of SA ROBERT F. SAVARD, JR., and stated that he "might contact Mr. SAVARD later on."

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[redacted] (initials only), [redacted]
Winona, Mississippi, was advised of the nature of the investigation and of the identities of the Agents. He was advised that information furnished by him could be used in a court of law.

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He stated that he is [redacted] years of age and his birthday is [redacted]. He stated that he was born at [redacted] Mississippi. He advised that he is married and has [redacted] children. He stated that he has been arrested approximately 3 times. He had been arrested each time for [redacted] in Montgomery County, Mississippi. He

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[redacted] located a few miles from Winona, Mississippi.

[redacted] stated that he was arrested about a week ago Sunday which he believed had been about June 9, 1963. He stated that with him at the time of his arrest

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[redacted] He stated that all three of them had been charged [redacted]. He stated that he got out of jail on the following Wednesday. He had been in jail about 3 days. He stated that the three of them had been arrested by an officer of the Mississippi Highway Patrol. He did not know the name of the officer. He described him as follows:

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| Age | About 24 or 25 |
| Height | 5 feet 7 inches |
| Weight | 175 pounds |
| Hair | "reddish" |
| Eyes | Color unknown |

He stated that the three of them were put in jail at about 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 9. He stated that there were two Negroes already in the space reserved for Negro men in the jail, and there was another young Negro boy in a cell. He stated that he did not know the name of the Negro boy. He advised that one of the Negroes in the "bull pen" was known to him [redacted]. He stated that he himself did not see anyone mistreated while he was in the jail. He stated that he gave the young Negro man who was in the cell

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a glass of water. He estimated that the boy's age would be about 20 years. This young man had told him that he had been arrested at the bus station at Winona, Mississippi, by either the Police Department or the Sheriff's Department. This young man had told him that there had been several Negro women arrested also on the same day. He stated that he had seen the Negro girls and Negro women about the next day after he had been put in the jail when he had assisted in sweeping out the women's quarters. He did not have an opportunity to talk to any of them, and no one said anything about their having been mistreated by anyone. He stated that the young Negro boy had said something about someone hitting him, but he had said that he did not know who hit him. He did not say what he was hit with but had stated that he had been hit while in jail. He did not say where he had been hit and did not show him any scars or marks. He stated that there did not appear to be any marks on his face. This young man had told him that he was "sore" when he would lie down. This young man did not say anything about the women being mistreated. He stated that he himself did not see any marks on any of the women, but he did not have an opportunity to observe them closely. He stated that a day or two after he had been put in jail, a young large Negro man had been placed in another cell in the Negro section of the jail. He did not know this man's name. He did not see this man mistreated in any manner. He did not talk to him. He believed that the young Negro man was still in the cell when he left the jail on Wednesday. He stated that none of the other Negroes in the jail said anything about anyone being mistreated.

[] advised that he has only a fifth grade education and cannot read or write. He stated that in view of this, he preferred not to furnish any written statement.

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[redacted] also known [redacted] Mississippi, was advised of the identities of the Agents and was advised of the nature of the investigation. He was advised that information furnished by him could be used in a court of law.

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[redacted] advised that he was born [redacted] Mississippi. He stated that he [redacted]

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[redacted] He stated that he is not married. He advised that he was arrested about two weeks ago on a Sunday. He believed that it would probably have been on June 9, 1963. He stated that he had been with [redacted] and another Negro by the name [redacted]

[redacted] had been arrested by the Mississippi Highway Patrol. He did not know the name of the Officer making the arrest. He stated that he believed that [redacted]

He stated that they had appeared before Judge HOLMES, Winona, Mississippi, the following Monday, and he stated that he had been released at about 2:30 or 3:00 P.M. on Monday, which he believed would have been June 10, 1963. He stated that on Sunday after he and the others had been arrested, they were taken to the Montgomery County Jail at Winona, Mississippi. He stated that he believed they had arrived there about 4:30 P.M. He stated that he and the other two Negroes were placed in the portion of the jail reserved for Negro prisoners. He believed that there had been 3 others in the section reserved for Negroes at that time. He stated that there was one young boy in a cell by himself, and the others were in the large room known as the "bull pen". He stated that the young Negro boy had told him that he had been arrested at the bus station in Winona, Mississippi. He stated that he had been coming by bus from Louisiana. This young man had told him that there had been five or six Negro women

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with him and advised that they had also been arrested. He stated that he did not see any of the Negro girls or Negro women in the jail since they were in a different part of the jail. This young Negro man stayed in the cell during the time that [] was confined. He stated that this young Negro man told him that the "colored boys whipped" him. He indicated that by the "colored boys" he meant the other Negro prisoners that were then confined. The young man had not indicated in what manner he was whipped or whether any instrument was used. He had not told [] why he had been "whipped". He stated that this young man did not say anything about any officers being present during the whipping, and this young man had not said anything about any mistreatment on the part of the officers. This young man did not show [] any places where he had been mistreated by anyone.

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[] stated that the young man indicated to him that it was difficult for him to bend over. He stated that by this he meant that when he bent over he did so very slowly. He could not elaborate on this. He did not see any marks on the young man's body although he was clothed. This young man had told him that he believed one of the Negro women had also been "whipped". He did not know who had done this.

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[] stated that he did not see any of the women and had no conversation with any of them. He stated that he himself saw no one mistreated while he was in the jail, and he himself was not mistreated. He stated that he did not see anyone come to secure the release of the young man or any of the Negro women. He stated that he did not know the identities of any of the other Negroes in the jail except that he heard one of them called [] and another one called []. He believed that these individuals might still be in jail.

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[] stated in view of the fact that he could not read and write he did not desire to furnish any written statement.

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[redacted] Mississippi, was interviewed [redacted] where he is employed and resides. He was advised at the outset of the interview of the identity of interviewing Agents and of the purpose of the interview. He was informed that he did not have to make any statement and that any statement he did make could be used in a court of law.

[redacted] stated that he was arrested at about 6:00 P. M., Sunday, June 9, 1963, and taken to the Montgomery County Jail at Winona. He stated that he was charged [redacted]

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[redacted] He said that when he arrived at the jail, he learned that "the law" had arrested a young Negro at the Winona Bus Station. He stated that this Negro was about sixteen or seventeen years of age, very short, five feet or less, slender build, wearing a white or light-colored jacket and trousers that were short and did not reach his shoe tops. He stated that this boy told him that he and five girls had all been arrested at the bus station. He said that this boy did not tell him why they were arrested and did not discuss the facts of the arrests.

[redacted] noted that he never saw the five girls as they were in a different part of the jail. He said that he could neither see nor hear the female prisoners and could furnish no information regarding them.

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[redacted] said that the above young male was asleep when he, [redacted] arrived at the jail. He said that later this boy awakened, complained of having a headache and that he got the boy a drink of water.

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[redacted] said further on the next day, Monday, or possibly Tuesday, that another Negro prisoner was brought into the jail and he was a friend of the first boy and had something to do with the bus station. He described this man as being about forty years old, 200 pounds, big build, wearing overalls and a blue shirt.

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[redacted] said that he had little to do with the above prisoners; that they got out of jail before he did and that he had no discussion with "the law" about them. He stated he knows nothing about their being beaten or mistreated in the jail. He

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said that they gave no appearance of having been mistreated and that he saw no blood or bruises on them.

[redacted] said that the other Negro male prisoners were [redacted] whose full name he does not know, and a young man from [redacted] Mississippi.

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Chief of Police THOMAS HEROD, Winona, Mississippi, Police Department, was advised that he did not have to furnish any information and any information he furnished could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised that he may consult an attorney prior to furnishing any information to the interviewing Agents.

Chief HEROD was advised of the nature of this investigation and requested to furnish a photograph of himself or allow Agents to photograph him. Chief HEROD advised that he has no photographs of himself. He stated that he did not desire to be photographed.

Chief HEROD was asked if City prisoners presently in custody in the Winona City Jail who were at the jail on June 9, 1963, could be interviewed in connection with this matter. Chief HEROD advised that there were no City prisoners at the Winona Jail on June 9, 1963, and there are none at the present time. He stated that all prisoners in the Jail on June 9, 1963, and at the present, were County prisoners under the custody of the Montgomery County, Mississippi, Sheriff.

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[redacted] Mississippi, was advised of the nature of the investigation and of the identities of the Agents. He was advised that information furnished by him could be used in a court of law.

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[redacted] advised that he was born [redacted] at [redacted] Mississippi. He stated that he is [redacted]. He advised that his wife had died several years ago and that he is a widower.

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He stated that he was arrested [redacted] Mississippi, on about June 3, 1963. He had been arrested by [redacted] and had been taken before Justice of the Peace HUDSON at Kilmichael, Mississippi. He stated that he had been fined \$27.50. He stated that he went to jail to work out the sentence and got out of jail on Saturday, June 15, 1963. He stated that he had been confined during this period at the County Jail for Montgomery, located at Winona, Mississippi. He stated that he had been placed in that part of the County Jail reserved for white men prisoners. He stated that in the jail the white people are separated from the Negroes, and men are separated from women. He stated that on Sunday, June 9, 1963, at about 11:00 A.M. he was sitting at his cell door next to the office of the jailer. He stated that at about 11:00 A.M. several Negroes were brought into the office. He stated that from his cell he could see into the office of the jail. He stated that he believed that most of the prisoners were Negro women, but there was at least one Negro man. He believed that there would have been about one half dozen in all. He stated that these prisoners had been brought in by Chief of Police THOMAS HEROD of Winona, Mississippi, and by two Mississippi Highway Patrol officers. He stated that one of these Highway Patrol officers was known to him as BASINGER. He stated that he did not know the identity of the other Mississippi Highway Patrolman, but believed that he possibly worked out of Greenwood, Mississippi. He described this other officer as about 30 years of age, with dark hair, 5 feet 11 inches, 200 pounds; he did not know the color of his hair or eyes. He believed that Officer BASINGER was about the same age and same size as this other officer. He stated that at the

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time these officers brought the Negroes into the office of the jail, [redacted] was not there. He had gone to church. He stated that one of the officers told these Negroes to get into the cells. He did not know which of the officers gave these instructions. He stated that the Negroes refused. He stated that the three officers then carried the Negroes into the various cells, the officers taking the Negroes under the arms and "dragging them" into the separate cells. He pointed out that the women were taken into the cells reserved for the Negro women, and the Negro man was taken into the portion of the jail reserved for Negro men. He could not recall whether there was one or more Negro men. He stated that he did not see any fight on the part of any of the prisoners or officers. He stated that the Negroes just sat down on the floor for several minutes before they were carried into the cells by the officers. He stated that he could not tell what happened after the Negroes were taken into their cells as he could not see into the other cells. He stated that he had been reading prior to their coming to the jail, and he went on reading and did not pay any further attention to what went on. He stated that he did not hear anyone scream or yell out, and he stated that he did not hear anything like anyone being whipped or hit. He stated that he saw the same prisoners several days later when they made phone calls. He did not speak to any of them and did not hear them make any statement indicating that they had been mistreated. He stated that he could not hear what conversation took place on the telephone. He stated that he did not see any scars or marks on those making the phone calls. He did not know the identities of the Negroes making the calls. He stated that he could not hear what went on in the other cells. He could hear talking in the other cells from time to time, and he believed that if there had been anyone screaming or being whipped that he would have been able to hear such commotion. He stated that he did not see any mistreatment of any prisoners and stated that he himself was not mistreated while he was in the jail. He stated that no officer had talked to him before he was released from the jail about these Negroes. He stated that he did not know about anyone coming to secure the release of these Negroes or anyone who might have come to attempt to release them. He stated that in the cell with him was a man by the name [redacted]. He thought there might have been another white man in the cell with him from around Oxford, but he could not recall his name.

[redacted] stated that he did not desire to furnish a signed statement.

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II. JAIL PERSONNEL

1Date June 20, 1963

On June 13, 1963, [redacted]
[redacted] Montgomery County, Winona, Mississippi, was con-
tacted at the Montgomery County Jail. He was advised of the
identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the in-
vestigation. He was also advised that he did not have to
make any statement, that any statement he made could be used
against him in a court of law, and that he had a right to have
an attorney.

[redacted] stated that he did not desire to make any
statement whatsoever.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained
through observation:

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| age | [redacted] |
| height | 6' |
| weight | 175 |
| race | white |
| sex | male |
| hair | brown and balding |
| build | medium |

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On June 17, 1963, [redacted]
[redacted] Montgomery County, Winona, Mississippi, was contacted at the Montgomery County Jail. He was advised of the nature of the investigation, the identity of the interviewing Agents, and that any information he furnished could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised of his right to have an attorney.

[redacted] was questioned concerning the maintenance of a record concerning visitors to the jail. He stated that no record of visitors is maintained at the jail and further advised that on Sundays persons are allowed to come and go from the jail at will since persons incarcerated and visitors are mainly local people and known to local authorities.

[redacted] further advised that he does not desire that [redacted] be interviewed. He pointed out that neither [redacted] spends any time in the lock-up area and only [redacted]

He also advised that [redacted]
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III. VISITORS

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[redacted] Mississippi, [redacted] the City Cafe, Winona, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of this investigation.

[redacted] advised that on June 10, 1963 he was contacted at his cafe by Sheriff E. W. PATRIDGE, Sheriff of Montgomery County, Mississippi. He stated that Sheriff PATRIDGE requested that he and another local citizen go to the Winona City Jail and witness a signed statement which had been written by a prisoner. He stated that the request was made by the Sheriff since the Sheriff believed that the statement would be more properly witnessed by persons other than police personnel. [redacted] stated that, therefore, he, in the company of [redacted] the Bank of Winona, proceeded to the jail about 9:00 PM on June 10, 1963. At the jail, he witnessed the statement of the prisoner, whose name he does not now recall, but who he described as a Negro male.

[redacted] went on to state that while at the jail [redacted] a radio station at Greenwood, Mississippi, came to the jail and asked about a second prisoner, whose name he does not know. He described this individual (the prisoner) as a Negro male, stocky build, about 6'2" tall. He stated the radio station [redacted] was interested in whether or not the Negro prisoner had been beaten. [redacted] pointed out that besides himself [redacted] the Sheriff and several officers from the Winona Police Department were present. The prisoner in whom [redacted] was interested was brought out and [redacted] was allowed to closely look at the prisoner. [redacted] stated that at this time he viewed the prisoner who was alleged to have been beaten and could see nothing that would indicate that he had in any way been struck or beaten. He stated the prisoner appeared to be in full control of all of his faculties and had no marks or bruises that he could see. He stated the prisoner was fully clothed and he did not observe the prisoner, other than around his face and arms, but in those areas he could notice nothing that would indicate that the prisoner had been beaten.

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[] advised that he does not know of any bruises which may have been covered by the prisoner's clothing. He stated that he was not in the area where the prisoner was being viewed at all times. He did recall that the prisoner was photographed by someone but was not actually in the immediate area when these photographs were taken and therefore does not know who took them or the purpose of the photographs.

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[] advised that he did not see any of the other prisoners, although he was aware that there were some female prisoners in the jail. He stated he did not go in the cell area and therefore does not know the identities of these female prisoners and did not view them. He advised he knows nothing else about this matter and could furnish no other information which would be of value in this investigation.

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[redacted] the Winona Bank, Winona, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of this investigation.

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[redacted] advised that on June 10, 1963, he met [redacted] the City Cafe, Winona, Mississippi, who told him that the Montgomery County, Mississippi Sheriff had requested him [redacted] to go to the Winona City Jail to witness a statement which had been written by one of the prisoners. He stated that [redacted] asked him to come to the City Jail also in order to be a second witness to the statement.

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[redacted] went on to advise that he [redacted] went to the jail arriving shortly after 9:00 P.M. The prisoner who he stated he believed was named WEST, had finished writing the statement and both he [redacted] witnessed it. While they were at the jail the Sheriff received a call from [redacted] a radio station in Greenwood, Mississippi, who advised that he wanted to come to Winona to see one of the prisoners since he had received a call from the National Broadcasting Company in New York to the effect that the prisoner had been severely beaten while a prisoner at the Winona City Jail. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is an acquaintance of his and the sheriff therefore requested him to stay at the jail in order to identify [redacted] upon [redacted] arrival.

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[redacted] advised that while he was at the jail, in addition [redacted] the sheriff, there were other officers of the Winona City Police Department and a doctor present. He stated that the doctor was examining a prisoner by the name of GUYOT. He stated that the doctor made the examination in his presence. He advised that he saw GUYOT's body and noticed a discoloration or a bruise on one of his shoulders. He stated he asked GUYOT "Whose car did you fall out of?" GUYOT replied that he had fallen out of his own automobile. [redacted] pointed out that the bruise was somewhat in the nature of a scratch area, which would indicate that GUYOT had fallen and slid. He stated for this reason he got the impression

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that GUYOT had fallen from an automobile which prompted the question. He stated that he then asked GUYOT if he were driving when he fell out of the car and GUYOT replied no, that it was his automobile, but someone else was driving. He stated he did not question GUYOT further about the bruise.

[redacted] advised that other than the above mentioned bruise on the shoulder of GUYOT he saw no other discolorations on GUYOT's body. He stated that he does not believe that GUYOT had been whipped by any member of the Winona Police Department or any other law enforcement officer as there were no other discolorations or apparent injuries on GUYOT's person and GUYOT gave no other indications of having been beaten. He stated that he had heard rumors to the effect that officers of the police department were alleged to have beaten GUYOT, but he does not believe this in view of what he saw and in view of his conversation with GUYOT at the Winona City Jail on June 10, 1963.

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[redacted] advised that approximately 10:00 P. M. or possibly later [redacted] arrived from Greenwood and was allowed to see GUYOT. He stated that the police officers were cooperative [redacted] and allowed him to talk to him and view him and he does not believe that they were attempting in any way to cover any of their actions. He stated that [redacted] was allowed to interview GUYOT freely and recalls that GUYOT told [redacted] also that he had bruised his shoulder while falling from an automobile.

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[redacted] advised that he knows nothing further about this matter and would not be able to furnish any additional information which may be of assistance in this investigation.

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[] was interviewed at his residence in Greenwood, Mississippi. [] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents, the nature of the investigation, and that any information he furnished could be used in a court of law.

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[] stated that he was [] the radio station WGRM at Greenwood, Mississippi, which is an affiliate of the National Broadcasting Company. He advised that at approximately 8:30 P.M. on June 10, 1963 he received a telephone call from the National Broadcasting Company, New York City, New York, and in this call he was advised that they had received a telephone call from one [] Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee Headquarters, Greenwood, Mississippi, to the effect that LAWRENCE GUYOT was in the Montgomery County Jail in Winona, Mississippi, and had been badly beaten and was either blinded or temporarily blinded as a result of the beating.

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[] advised that he got in contact with the Sheriff and Chief of Police and asked about GUYOT, and they told him that GUYOT had not been beaten. [] stated that he was not prepared to advise the National Broadcasting Company in New York as to the condition of GUYOT strictly on the word of officials in Winona, and he requested permission to see GUYOT. He stated he was told to come to Winona and talk to the Mayor, M. C. BILLINGSLY, who was the only one who could give him permission to see GUYOT.

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[] stated that he drove to Winona, and after arriving there he called the Mayor, and the Mayor told him that city officials were waiting for him at the Montgomery County Jail. He stated he went to the jail and met the Sheriff, E. W. PATRIDGE, the Chief of Police, THOMAS HEROD, and a Mississippi State Highway Patrolman. [] advised that the Sheriff said to him, [] do you want to see him?" He stated that he told the Sheriff that the only way to resolve the matter was for him to take a look at GUYOT. He stated the Sheriff told the jailer to go get GUYOT and bring him out.

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He advised that after the jailer had brought GUYOT outside the jail, he had GUYOT walk back and forth to see if he had been crippled in any manner. He said that he did not observe any sign of a limp in GUYOT's walk.

[] stated that they then went back inside to the booking room of the jail and that he talked to GUYOT for ten or fifteen minutes as close as twelve inches to GUYOT. He stated that he did not notice any marks on GUYOT and did not see any blood on his clothing. He stated that GUYOT spoke calmly and did not seem to be in a daze. He stated that he asked GUYOT if the clothes he was wearing were the same in which he was arrested and that GUYOT answered in the affirmative. He stated that he asked the Sheriff the same question, and the Sheriff also answered in the affirmative.

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He stated that [] had told him about a bruise on GUYOT's back and that he asked GUYOT about the alleged bruise. He advised that GUYOT said that he had fallen out of a car and had received the bruise from the fall. He asked GUYOT if he was driving the car at the time he fell out, and GUYOT replied that a friend was driving the car at the time he fell out of the car. He stated that he asked GUYOT if he had been pushed or had fallen out of a police car and GUYOT said that he had not been pushed out of a police car nor had he fallen out of a police car. He stated he had fallen out of his own car.

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He stated that he asked GUYOT about his education, and GUYOT said that he was from Pass Christian, Mississippi, and that he was a graduate of Tougaloo College in Jackson, Mississippi.

He advised that a Highway Patrolman at this time took some pictures of GUYOT with a Polaroid camera, and he stated that he had two of these pictures in his possession.

[] advised that during the entire time he was talking to GUYOT he did not see any exterior signs of a bruise or broken skin.

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[] stated that at the time he was at the jail there were several people around the jail, and, as near as he could recall, this group included the Sheriff, a Mississippi State Highway Patrolman, the Chief of Police, [] the Winona Bank, his [] who had accompanied him to Winona, and a one-arm man whom he did not know.

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He advised that GUYOT never asked him who he was during the time he talked to him and that he never identified himself to GUYOT as a newsman.

[] advised he then left the Montgomery County Jail and returned to Greenwood, Mississippi, where he made a telephone call to the National Broadcasting Company, New York City, and told them that he had talked to and observed LAWRENCE GUYOT and saw no evidence that he had been brutally beaten.

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[] advised that he could furnish no further information concerning this matter.

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IV. INDIVIDUALS PRESENT AT VICTIMS' TRIAL

Interviews with other individuals who were present at Victims' trial, in addition to the interview set forth hereinafter, have been set forth in a previous report.

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[redacted] Winona, Mississippi, was interviewed at his office. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and of the nature of the investigation. He was also advised that any information he furnished could be used in a court of law.

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[redacted] stated that he was present during the trials concerning JAMES WEST, ANNELL PONDER, FANNIE HAMER, ROSEMARY FREEMAN, and EUGESTER SIMPSON, which occurred on June 11, 1963, and that he was also present at the trial of LAWRENCE GUYOT on June 12, 1963. He advised these trials were held before Mayor M. C. BILLINGSLY in City Hall. He stated that all the victims plead not guilty except JAMES WEST, who plead guilty to disturbing the peace and resisting arrest.

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He stated that at the beginning of the trial concerning the five victims a JUNE JOHNSON was originally in the group, but when it was ascertained that she was only fifteen years of age, no charge was placed against her, and her parents were notified to come pick her up.

He stated that he did not notice any evidence that any of the victims had been beaten, but stated that he did notice that PONDER had a swollen eye. He advised he had no information as to why PONDER's eye came to be swollen. He advised that none of the above victims were represented by counsel.

[redacted] stated that persons other than himself and the victims at the trials were: Mayor M. C. BILLINGSLY, who acted as Police Justice in these trials; Winona Chief of Police THOMAS HEROD, who testified at both trials; E. W. PATRIDGE, Sheriff, Montgomery County, who testified at the trial of the five victims; JOHN BASINGER, Mississippi State Highway Patrolman, who testified in both trials; BILL SURRELL, Winona Patrolman; and he also thought that the [redacted] was present. He stated,

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as he recalled it, there were some spectators who wandered in and out of the room where the trial was being held, however, he could not recall the identity of any of these individuals.

[redacted] was questioned concerning the identity of an individual who is possibly a police officer and who wears a crew cut and is short in stature. [redacted] advised that he did not know of any officer operating in the Winona area answering the above description. He stated he did not know anyone who accompanied the Sheriff to the bus terminal at the time the victims were arrested.

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V. WITNESSES PRESENT AT TRAILWAYS
BUS STATION, WINONA, MISSISSIPPI,
JUNE 9, 1963

1Date June 21, 1963

[redacted] was interviewed at her residence. She was informed of the identities of the interviewing Agents and advised that any statement she might make could later become testimony in a court of law. She furnished the following information:

She is employed [redacted] at Staley's Cafe in Winona, Mississippi. She stated that on Sunday, June 9, 1963, she noticed some Negroes enter the cafe. She stated there were either five or six in the group. This group sat at one end of the counter and she advised that she was busy making a milk shake in a section of the cafe at the opposite end of the counter. She stated that when she finished making the milk shake and looked up the Negroes had departed the cafe. She advised she did not see anyone talk with the Negroes in the cafe and did not know when they had left the cafe. She also pointed out that prior to the arrival of the Negroes, Chief of Police HEROD and a Mississippi Highway Patrolman were in the cafe. [redacted] stated that she was not aware of any arrests until several days later when customers came into the cafe and asked her about it. [redacted] stated she could not recall any local people being in the cafe at the time the Negroes were in the cafe. She pointed out that at that time two buses had unloaded passengers and she and [redacted] were very busy.

She advised that she has no information as to the identity of a young white male with a crew cut who accompanied the Sheriff.

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Mississippi, was interviewed at Staley's Cafe. She was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and informed that any information she made available could later be used in a court of law. She volunteered the following information:

She is employed [redacted] at Staley's Cafe and on the morning of June 9, 1963, while she was working in the cafe, noticed several Negroes come into the cafe. She advised she did not know the exact number of Negroes but there were several women and one or two men. She advised she had never seen any of these people before or since. She stated the Negroes sat at the counter and at the time she noticed them, the Winona Chief of Police HEROD and Mississippi Highway Patrolmen were standing over them and apparently talking to them. She advised that she did not hear any of the conversation but, after a few minutes, all of them, including the officers, got up and left the cafe. She stated she did not see what happened on the outside of the cafe and did not see anyone arrested. She advised she could furnish no further information.

She advised that she has no information as to the identity of a young white male with a crew cut who accompanied the Sheriff.

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[redacted] was interviewed at Staley's Cafe, Winona, Mississippi. She was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and also informed that any information that she might furnish might possibly become a matter of testimony in court at a later date. She furnished the following information:

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On Sunday, June 9, 1963, while she was working [redacted] at Staley's Cafe, she looked through the window separating the kitchen from the cafe part and noticed four girls and one boy, all Negroes, seated at the counter in the cafe. She stated that shortly thereafter she noticed Chief of Police HEROD of Winona, Mississippi, and a Mississippi Highway Patrolman, whose name she did not recall, come up and apparently talk with these people. She stated she could not hear any of the conversation that transpired but in a very few minutes all of them got up and went out of the cafe. She stated she did not see anything that transpired on the outside of the cafe and was not aware that the Negroes had been arrested until sometime later when she heard it from an unrecalled source.

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She advised that she has no information as to the identity of a young white male with a crew cut who accompanied the Sheriff.

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[redacted]
Mississippi, was interviewed at Staley's Cafe. He was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and that any statement he might make could be used in a court of law. He furnished the following information:

On Sunday, June 9, 1963, he was working at Staley's Cafe, where he is employed [redacted]. He advised that at about 11:00 AM two buses arrived at the cafe. He stated he was busy with the buses in the back of the cafe and did not pay any attention to the passengers on either of the buses. He stated he did not see any Negroes enter the cafe nor did he see any law enforcement officers in or around the cafe at the time the buses were in the station.

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[redacted] Mississippi, was interviewed at her residence and immediately advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents as well as the nature of instant investigation. She was further advised that any information she furnished would be free and voluntary on her part and the information may be used in a court of law.

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[redacted] stated she has been employed [redacted] at Staley's Cafe, Winona, Mississippi, for approximately twelve years. She recalled that at approximately 11:00 A.M., June 9, 1963, four Negro girls, identities unknown, came into Staley's Cafe and sat down at the counter. [redacted]

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[redacted] identified [redacted] on duty at that time as [redacted]. She related she observed the Negro girls sit down at the counter, but did not say anything to them and they did not say anything to her. [redacted] advised she did not observe anyone talking to the Negro girls in the cafe. She related they sat at the counter for approximately three minutes when Chief of Police THOMAS HEROD and Patrolman BASINGER of the Mississippi Highway Patrol walked over to where the Negro girls were sitting. [redacted] pointed out that she recalls seeing Chief HEROD and Patrolman BASINGER at the cafe before the Negroes came into the cafe. She said she does not recall seeing any other law enforcement officers in the vicinity of the cafe or in the vicinity of the Trailways Bus Station. She related that these officers said something to the Negro girls and shortly thereafter she saw the girls get up and walk out of the cafe. She advised she did not hear any conversation which took place between the law enforcement officers and the Negro girls.

[redacted] continued by advising that she did not see the Negro girls after they went out the front door and therefore, has no knowledge whatsoever of their activities after that time. She said she did not see them being arrested and was not aware that they were even arrested until she got home at approximately 1:10 P.M. She advised when she got home her husband said he had heard over the radio that there had been some Negroes arrested at the bus station.

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[redacted] reiterated that the law enforcement officers were at the bus station prior to the time the four or five Negro girls came into Staley's Cafe. She said she does not know what they were doing there or how they happened to be at the bus station. She said that she did not call any law enforcement officer and does not know the identity of any person that did telephonically contact any law enforcement officer. [redacted] further related that she is acquainted with Sheriff PATRIDGE but does not recall seeing him in the vicinity of the cafe or the bus station on that date. She further related she does not know the identity of any person other than [redacted] who was in the cafe at the time the law enforcement officers talked to the Negro girls. [redacted] said she could furnish no further information regarding this incident or regarding the activities of the Negro girls or the law enforcement officers.

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EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, Montgomery County, Mississippi Sheriff, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and informed he did not have to say anything and that anything he might say could be used against him in a court of law. He was also informed that he had the right to consult an attorney if he so desired.

Sheriff PATRIDGE advised that on June 9, 1963 he personally arrested Mrs. HAMER at the request of the Winona City Chief of Police. He declined to state whether or not anyone was with him at the time of the arrest but did state that he has only [redacted]
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VI. RADIO LOG

In regard to radio log, Winona Police Department, Winona, Mississippi, Chief of Police THOMAS HEROD and Chief of the Fire Department THOMAS HODGES have advised that no radio log is maintained. This information was previously reported.

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VII. FLOOR PLAN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, JAIL

Date June 21, 1963

On June 18, 1963, Special Agents [redacted] and ORVILLE V. JOHNSON made a diagram of the Montgomery County Jail, Winona, Mississippi, based on a drawing which was made available to the Agents by Sheriff E. W. PATRUDGE.

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This diagram is being maintained in the files of the Memphis Office.

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VIII. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

LAWRENCE GUYOT was contacted on June 18, 1963, and he advised the clothing he wore at the time of the beating had since been laundered and he was wearing it. Efforts to contact HAMER and PONDER, Greenwood, Mississippi, Atlanta, Georgia, and New York, New York, unsuccessful to date.

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JUNE JOHNSON, Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee worker, Greenwood, Mississippi, made available to Agents [redacted] and ORVILLE V. JOHNSON a dress and a brassiere which she identified as being the dress and brassiere she had on at the time she was arrested in Winona, Mississippi, on June 9, 1963. JUNE JOHNSON said these garments contain blood stains and the blood which stained these garments was hers and got on the garments after she was injured by arresting officers.

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IX. BUS DRIVERS

Continental Bus Drivers [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] were interviewed at Jackson, Mississippi, and results
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On June 17, 1963, [redacted] Columbus Bus Depot, Continental Trailways Bus Company, Columbus, Mississippi, was advised of the nature of the inquiry and that any information he might furnish could be used in a court of law. He advised as follows:

The bus trip in question is known as Continental Trailways Bus trip number 1729. The trip originates at Columbus, Mississippi, and ends at Texarkana, Arkansas. The bus is scheduled to depart Columbus, Mississippi, at about 8:30 A.M. and travels through Winona, Mississippi, which is a scheduled stop for the bus trip involved in this matter. As far as he knows, the bus departed Columbus, Mississippi, on June 9, 1963, at 8:30 A.M. The driver of the bus [redacted]

[redacted] is currently driving a bus for Continental Trailways Bus Company and can be contacted at 7:15 P.M. on June 17, 1963, at Greenville, Mississippi, where he is scheduled to end his run and "lay over" for the night of June 17, 1963.

On June 18, 1963, [redacted] advised that there is no local attorney for the Continental Trailways Bus Company in Columbus, Mississippi. He explained that a few years ago the company did employ local counsel to assist them in accident investigations, but since a few years back they have been having their accident investigations conducted by a local adjusting company, and the accident reports are referred to the company's legal counsel for Continental Trailways Bus Company in Alexandria, Louisiana. The company attorney [redacted]

[redacted] further stated that there was no way possible from the records of Continental Trailways Bus Company to identify the passengers on bus trip number 1729 on June 9, 1963. He explained that there was no manifest concerning names of the passengers kept by the company. There is a trip record kept, however, and this record indicates that there were sixteen passengers who

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boarded the bus trip in question on June 9, 1963 at Columbus, Mississippi. He explained that this boarding list does not indicate the destination of the passengers and that several of them could have been going only a short distance or they could have been going the entire length of the trip. There is no way to determine from the boarding list of passengers the destination of the boarding passengers.

Date June 19, 1963

[redacted] Continental Trailways bus driver, residence [redacted] Alabama, was contacted at the Continental Trailways Bus Terminal, Greenville, Mississippi.

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When questioned for information regarding the arrest of six Negroes at the Continental Trailways Bus Terminal, Winona, Mississippi, the morning of June 9, 1963, which Negroes had ridden on a Continental Trailways bus driven by [redacted] from Columbus, Mississippi, [redacted] stated he had filed a report of the incident and that a copy of the report would be in the files of the main office, Continental Trailways, Alexandria, Louisiana.

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[redacted] refused to discuss the incident except on the advice of a company attorney.

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X. COURT PROCEEDINGS

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On June 19, 1963, Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] Oxford, Mississippi, made available a copy of three documents filed on June 16, 1963 in U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi, Western Division, Civil Action Number WC 6331 in the matter captioned United States of America, Plaintiff, v. The City of Winona; MARTIN C. BILLINGSLEY, Mayor of the City of Winona; THOMAS HERROD, Chief of Police of the City of Winona, and EARL W. PARTRIDGE, Sheriff of Montgomery County, Defendants:

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(1) Complaint, prepared for signature of ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Attorney General; BURKE MARSHALL, Assistant Attorney General; HOSEA M. RAY, U. S. Attorney and [redacted] Attorney, Department of Justice;

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(2) Notice of Motion and Motion for Preliminary Injunction, and;

(3) Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Motion for Preliminary Injunction.

The latter two documents were prepared for the signature of HOSEA M. RAY, U. S. Attorney and [redacted] Attorney, Department of Justice. The above mentioned Notice of Motion set June 24, 1963 at 10:00 AM as the date and time of the motion to be made in U. S. District Court, Oxford, Mississippi.

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Numbered paragraph one of the above mentioned complaint states:

"This is an action for an injunction to prevent an unlawful and unconstitutional burden upon and interference with interstate commerce by motor carrier in the United States and the laws of Congress and the regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission passed and adopted pursuant thereto."

Numbered paragraphs two through eleven of the complaint deal with jurisdiction of the court, identity and location of the Corporation of Winona and the defendant - officials, identity of Continental Southern Lines, Inc. as

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a common carrier engaged in interstate commerce, owning and using a building in Winona as a terminal, where a restaurant is located and summarizing action previously taken by officials of the Department of Justice in the form of correspondence and conferences with officials at Winona, Mississippi with regard to segregation in interstate bus transportation.

Numbered paragraphs twelve through twenty-three are quoted verbatim below:

"On June 9, 1963, Fannie Hamer, Annell Ponder, June Johnson, Ruth Daye, Rosemary Freeman, Euvester Simpson and James West, each a Negro citizen of the United States, (hereafter referred to collectively as 'the Negro passengers') were traveling by bus from Charleston, South Carolina, to Greenwood, Mississippi. The bus on which they were riding, and which was being operated by Continental, stopped at approximately 10:50 a.m. at the Trailways Terminal in Winona for a scheduled rest stop of twenty-five minutes. During this stop Annell Ponder, June Johnson, Ruth Daye, Rosemary Freeman, Euvester Simpson and James West, alighted from the bus and entered the terminal restaurant for the purpose of using the eating and restroom facilities therein.

"Each of the persons described in the preceding paragraph had the right under 49 U.S.C. 316(d) and under Section 180a, Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, to enter and use the restaurant facilities in the Trailways terminal in Winona, Mississippi, free from distinction based upon race or color.

"After entering the terminal restaurant as described in paragraph 12, the Negro passengers were directed by the defendant Thomas Herrod and another law enforcement officer to leave the terminal restaurant. The Negro passengers, in compliance with this directive, left the restaurant.

"After the Negro passengers had left the terminal restaurant as described in the preceding paragraph,

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they stood peaceably in front of the terminal. While they were so standing, the defendant Thomas Herrod arrested Annell Ponder, June Johnson, Rosemary Freeman, Euvester Simpson and James West, too, them into custody and transported them to the Montgomery County jail in Winona. The defendant Herrod had no lawful cause or reason for arresting these Negro passengers.

"Immediately after the defendant Herrod had arrested the five Negro passengers referred to in the preceding paragraph, the defendant Earl Partridge arrested Fannie Hamer while she was standing peaceably in front of the terminal restaurant. Fannie Hamer at that time had committed no public offense and there was no lawful reason or justification for her arrest. The defendant Partridge transported her in custody to the Montgomery County Jail.

"On June 11, 1963, Fannie Hamer, Annell Ponder, Rosemary Freeman, Euvester Simpson and James West were convicted in the Police Court of the City of Winona, presided over by the defendant Martin C. Billingsley as Polist Justice, of the offenses, under Mississippi law, of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Each of these Negro passengers pled not guilty. Each was convicted by the court and fined \$100.00. Each of them has filed an appeal and has been released from custody on an appeal bond. The cases are presently awaiting trial de novo in the Circuit Court for the Fifth Judicial District of Mississippi. The city of Winona has prosecuted and threatens to continue to prosecute these cases.

"The arrest, incarceration, prosecution and punishment of the Negro travelers as described in the preceding paragraphs was for the purpose and has the effect of intimidating and discouraging them and other Negro passengers in interstate commerce from exercising their right to use the facilities of such commerce free from any undue prejudice or disadvantage by reason of their race or color.

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"The conduct of the defendants in excluding Negro passengers from the terminal restaurant, and in arresting those who have used or seek to use the restaurant, violates 49 U.S.C. 316 (d), prevents Continental [redacted] from complying with Section 180a of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and imposes an unconstitutional and undue burden upon interstate commerce.

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"Unless restrained by order of this court the defendants will continue to prevent Negroes from using the facilities of the Trailways terminal, without regard to race or color, and will arrest, prosecute and punish Negroes who so seek to use the facilities or who peaceably remonstrate against the denial of such use.

"Unless restrained by order of this Court, the City of Winona will continue to prosecute the disorderly conduct and resisting arrest charges described in paragraph 17 against the Negro passengers and will thereby discourage them and other Negroes from exercising their right to use the facilities of the Trailways bus terminal in Winona free from discrimination based on their race or color.

"The conduct of the defendants here complained of causes immediate and irreparable injury to the plaintiff, consisting of obstruction to and interference with the free flow of interstate commerce, and obstruction to and interference with Continental in complying with the valid regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the statutes of the United States respecting interstate commerce.

"Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law. WHEREFORE, plaintiff respectfully prays that the defendants, together with their agents, officers, employees, successors, and all those in active concert or participation with them, be enjoined from :

"(a) interfering in any way with Negroes use of any of the public facilities of the Trailways Terminal in Winona, Mississippi;

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- "(b) threatening, arresting or imprisoning any Negroes on account of such Negroes using or seeking to use any of the public facilities located in the Trailways Terminal in Winona;
- "(c) further holding in custody, imprisoning, prosecuting or punishing Fannie Hamer, Annell Ponder, June Johnson, Rosemary Freeman, Euvester Simpson or James West upon the charges upon which they are now being held or upon any other charges arising from the efforts of such persons to use the facilities of the Trailways terminal in Winona free from racial discrimination, or to peaceably remonstrate against such discrimination;
- "(d) failing to dismiss the charges now pending against the Negro passengers;
- "(e) interfering with, obstructing, or attempting to interfere with or obstruct, Continental Southern Lines, Inc., [redacted] in their compliance with the regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission set forth in Section 180a to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations;
- "(f) otherwise seeking to impose any racial distinction or discrimination upon passengers using the vehicles or facilities of Continental in Winona, Mississippi."

The above mentioned complaint concludes with a prayer for such additional relief as the interest of justice may require.

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XI. MISCELLANEOUS

Date June 21, 1963

[redacted] Continental Trailways Bus Company, was interviewed at the Trailways Bus terminal at Winona. [redacted] advised that he was at the Trailways Bus station in Winona during the entire day of June 15, 1963, and stated that no incident had occurred at the bus terminal. [redacted] advised that he had been sent to Winona to prevent any incidents happening and stated that the cafe located at the terminal had been serving Negroes, as they had been ordered to do by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

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He advised he could furnish no further information concerning this matter.

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[redacted] Continental Trailways Bus, Highway 51, Winona, Mississippi, was interviewed at her place of employment. She was advised of the nature of the investigation, of the identity of the interviewing agents, and that any information she furnished could be used in a court of law.

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[redacted] stated that she was at the Trailways Bus Station all day on June 15, 1963, and did not leave there until approximately 7:30 P.M. on that date. She stated that, to her knowledge, no incident had occurred at the bus station.

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[REDACTED] Morgue, "The Commercial Appeal," newspaper, 495 Union, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on June 20, 1963, that a review of her records failed to disclose any photograph of EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, Sheriff, Montgomery County, Winona, Mississippi, or THOMAS J. HEROD, Chief of Police, Winona, Mississippi.

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A review of the file of the Memphis Office and a review of the "Mississippi Law-Enforcement Journal" back to 1959 failed to produce any photographs of members of the Winona Police Department or Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

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Color photographs showing the extent of bruises suffered by victims HAMER and PONDER were taken June 14, 1963, by FBI photographer [redacted] at Washington, D. C. A copy of these photographs is being maintained in the Memphis Office.

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June 17, 1963

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LAWRENCE GUYOT was examined by SA's LAWRENCE J. OLSON and ORVILLE V. JOHNSON on June 11, 1963, at the Montgomery County Jail, Winona, Mississippi. Immediately after this examination, colored photographs were made of GUYOT. During the examination the following bruises and injuries were noted:

A. GUYOT's right ear was bruised, and there was swelling near the ear. There was dried blood in the ear and near the area of the right ear.

B. There was a small bruise on the back of his neck.

C. His right arm had a bruise on the backside of that arm, extending from the elbow to the shoulder.

D. Two small bruises approximately 1 inch in diameter on left side of stomach.

E. The right side of GUYOT's back was bruised, and this bruise extended from the top of the shoulder to the waist and from the middle of his back around to his right side.

F. There was a small laceration approximately one-half inch long on the right side of his head near the top of his head.

G. A one inch laceration on the back of his head.

H. The left and right eyes had small bruises on the upper lids.

I. GUYOT's right and left temples were swollen.

J. Redness and a small amount of dried blood were noted in GUYOT's left ear.

K. His right hand on the back side and the area near his right elbow appeared to be swollen.

L. A bruise of approximately 4 inches in diameter

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and round in shape was on his right buttock.

M. A four inch bruise circular in shape was on his right leg just below his buttocks.

N. There were 3 bruised areas on GUYOT's right leg front side, between his knee and his hip. One of these bruises was approximately 3 inches by 2 inches; one was approximately 3 inches in diameter; and the third bruise was a bruise round in shape and approximately 3 inches in diameter.

1Date June 22, 1963

Mr. JOHN L. BASINGER, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Winona, Mississippi, was advised that he did not have to furnish any information and any information furnished by him could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised of his right to consult an attorney prior to furnishing any information.

Mr. BASINGER was requested to furnish a photograph of himself or allow interviewing Agents to photograph him. BASINGER advised that he did not desire to furnish a photograph or allow himself to be photographed.

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by SA's FRANCIS FINLEY & JAMES J. CONWAY:sb Date dictated 6/21/63

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Mr. BILL SURRELL was advised that he did not have to furnish any information and any information he furnished could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised of his right to consult an attorney prior to furnishing any information.

Mr. SURRELL was requested to furnish a photograph of himself or allow interviewing Agents to photograph him. SURRELL advised that he did not desire to furnish a photograph and did not desire to be photographed.

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Date June 21, 19631

Mayor M. C. BILLINGSLY, Winona, Mississippi, was interviewed at the City Hall at which time he was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the investigation. He was also advised that any information he furnished could be used in a court of law.

Mayor BILLINGSLY advised that the City Government of Winona, Mississippi, is made up of the mayor and a Board of Aldermen consisting of five members. He stated the Board did not meet as a Board on June 15, 1963. He stated no resolution could be passed without an official meeting of the Board, consequently no resolution had been passed by the Board which would result in the arrest of any Negro using the Continental Trailways Bus facilities in Winona.

Mayor BILLINGSLY further stated that he had heard nothing concerning an incident at the bus terminal on June 15, 1963.

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by [redacted] and
SA's JAMES J. CONWAY:mnr Date dictated 6/20/63

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The following investigation was conducted at Winona, Mississippi by SAS JAMES J. CONWAY and FRANCIS FINLEY:

On June 21, 1963, Chief of Police THOMAS J. HEROD, City Patrolman BILL SURRELL, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman JOHN BASINGER and Montgomery County [redacted]

[redacted] were requested to furnish the identity of a crew cut, young white male who accompanied Sheriff E. W. PATRIDGE and victim FANNIE HAMER to the county jail in the Sheriff's car on June 9, 1963. All advised they could not furnish the identity of this person.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : (K) SAC, Memphis (44-1063)

SUBJECT: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE; ET AL;
ROSIE MARY FREEMAN, ET AL - VICTIMS
CR; IMP

DATE: 6/21/63

Re Bureau teletype to Memphis, 6/20/63, concerning advice received from the Civil Rights Division that Departmental Attorney [] had requested the Memphis Office to obtain photographs of subjects and suspects so same could be exhibited to victims and witnesses, [] was advised matter had to be presented to Bureau in Washington.

There is enclosed memorandum of SA [] who was in Greenwood, Miss. on this case and who maintained liaison []

SA [] recalls that at about Noon on June 19, 1963, [] telephoned him, at which time [] talked at length about another case. Shortly before the conclusion of the telephone conversation, however, [] referred to captioned case. He commented he would like to obtain photographs of all Mississippi State Highway Patrolmen and was going to call Washington about the possibility of making a request for such photographs to be obtained. SA [] states that [] did not request the FBI to obtain these photographs nor did [] request the FBI to obtain photographs of members of the Sheriff's Office and Police Department at Winona, Mississippi. SA [] states that [] did not make reference to obtaining photographs of "subjects and suspects." SA [] denied that he informed [] the matter would have to be presented to the Bureau in Washington.

SA's JAMES J. CONWAY, [] and ORVILLE V. JOHNSON worked on this case but were not responsible for maintaining liaison [] All of these Agents have

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submitted memorandums, which are enclosed herewith, denying that [] requested that photographs be taken of "subjects and suspects."

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[] has made requests for additional investigation in this case. These requests were accepted and investigation conducted relative thereto. Every effort possible has been made to cooperate []

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Inasmuch as the above reflects that there has not been any failure to comply with Bureau instructions, administrative action is not warranted, and such is not recommended.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1063)

DATE: 6/21/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE; ET AL;
ROSIE MARY FREEMAN, ET AL - VICTIMS
CR; IMP

I have been assigned to the investigation of the above case and I maintain liaison with Departmental Attorney [REDACTED] in Greenwood, Mississippi.

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On June 19, 1963, at approximately noon, I received a telephone call from [REDACTED] Greenwood. [REDACTED] talked at length regarding the case captioned, "DISTURBANCE, HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH, ITTA BENA, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 18, 1963; RACIAL MATTERS." Just before the conversation was concluded, however, [REDACTED] referred to captioned case. [REDACTED] stated he would like to obtain photographs of all Mississippi State Highway Patrolmen and was going to call Washington about the possibility of making a request for such photographs to be obtained.

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[REDACTED] did not request me to obtain these photographs of the Highway Patrolmen nor did he request me to obtain photographs of members of the Sheriff's Office and Police Department at Winona, Mississippi. [REDACTED] did not make any reference to obtaining photographs of "subjects and suspects." I did not inform [REDACTED] that the matter would have to be presented to the Bureau in Washington. Had such a request been made [REDACTED] I would not have told him that it would be necessary to present the request to the Bureau in Washington.

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I was contacted in Memphis, Tennessee Sunday night, June 16, 1963, after [REDACTED] arrived in Memphis, and briefed him completely on developments in captioned case. Since that time, I have been in contact [REDACTED] on numerous occasions in Greenwood, Mississippi. He has made additional requests for investigation. I accepted these requests for investigation and the investigation has been conducted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1063)

DATE: 6/21/63

FROM : SA JAMES J. CONWAY

SUBJECT: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE; ET AL
ROSIE MARY FREEMAN, ET AL - VICTIM
CR; IMP

I worked on the above-captioned case and was in Winona, Mississippi and vicinity.

During the entire time I was engaged in investigation of this case, I was not asked by Departmental Attorney [] to obtain photographs of subjects and suspects.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1063)

DATE: 6/21/63

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE; ET AL
ROSIE MARY FREEMAN, ET AL - VICTIMS
CR; IMP

I worked on the above-captioned case and was in Winona, Mississippi and vicinity.

During the entire time I was engaged in investigation of this case, I was not asked by Departmental Attorney to obtain photographs of subjects and suspects.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1063)

DATE: 6/21/63

FROM : SA O. V. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE; ET AL
ROSIE MARY FREEMAN, ET AL - VICTIMS
CR; IMP

I worked on the above-captioned case and was in Winona, Mississippi and vicinity.

During the entire time I was engaged in investigation of this case, I was not asked by Departmental Attorney [redacted] to obtain photographs of subjects and suspects.

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1063) (P)

EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE,
ET AL;
FANNY LOU HAMER,
ET AL - VICTIMS
CR

(OO: Memphis)

Rerep SA TIMOTHY M. CASEY, JR., Memphis, 6/17/63.

Through oversight, the FD-302 reflecting the observations of the investigating Agents pertaining to injuries of LAWRENCE GUYOT was not submitted in the report of SA CASEY, above. This matter will be reported in the next report to be submitted.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/26/63

FROM : SAC, Memphis (44-1063) (P)

SUBJECT: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, ET AL;
ROSIE MARY FREEMAN, FANNIE LOU HAMER, ET AL - VICTIMS;
CR; IMP

ReBuair-tel to Memphis dated 6/21/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 colored photographs of LAWRENCE GUYOT, 2 colored photographs of JAMES WEST and 1 colored photograph each of ANNELE PONDER, JUNE JOHNSON and FANNIE LOU HAMER.

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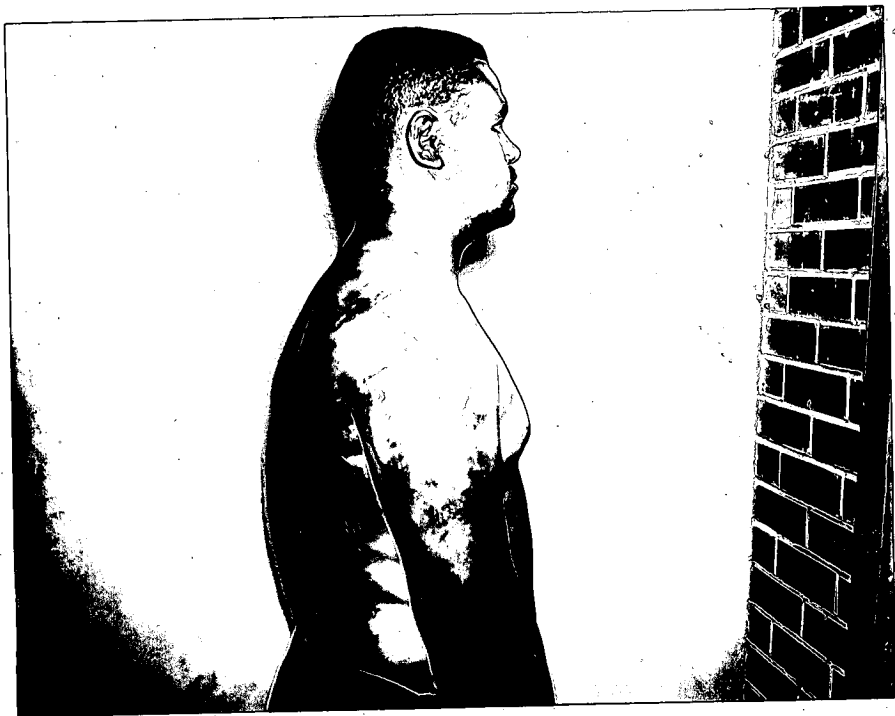
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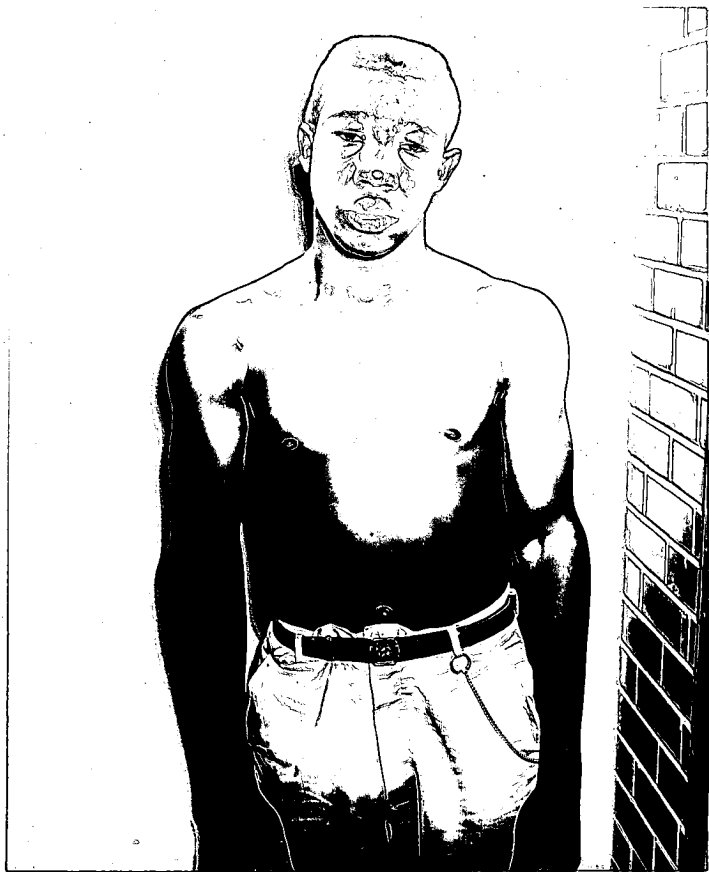
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Date: 7/1/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1063)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-1452) (~~44-1452~~)

SUBJECT: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE; ET AL;
FANNY LOU HAMER; ET AL -
VICTIMS
CR; IMPERSONATION
(OO: Memphis)

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Re Memphis teletype to Atlanta (interoffice) dated
6/18/63.

Referenced teletype advised that clothing worn by
victims FANNY LOU HAMER and ANNELL PONDER at time of alleged
beating at Winona, Miss., 6/9/63, be obtained and forwarded
to FBI Laboratory for examination for blood stains.

Enclosed herewith for the Laboratory is one blue
and green print cotton dress which victim PONDER furnished on
7/1/63. She said this dress was worn by her at the time she
was beaten in the Winona, Miss., jail. It is torn in three
or four places and one sleeve is completely torn off. She
said these tears were as a result of the beating and rough
handling in the jail. Victim PONDER does not recall ever seeing
any blood on the dress, and also advised that she had washed
the dress since the beating occurred.

Victim PONDER said the underclothes she wore at the
time of the beating have since been mixed in with her other

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undergarments, and she would not be able to identify them.

She advised that victim HAMER has returned to her home at 626 E. Lafayette St., Ruleville, Miss.

The enclosed dress does not have to be returned to the victim; however, after the Laboratory examination is completed, it should be submitted to Memphis. It may be useful in view of victim PONDER's statements the tears were as a result of the beating suffered at Winona on 6/9/63.

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FD 302 follows.

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AT RULEVILLE, MISS.

Contact victim FANNY LOU HAMER for clothing she wore on 6/9/63 for submission to Laboratory for blood stain examinations.

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Date: July 1, 1963

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(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (44-1452) (RUC)

SUBJECT: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, ET AL
FANNY LOU HAMER, ET AL - VICTIMS
CR - IMPERSONATION
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Memphis teletype to Atlanta, dated 6

Enclosed for Memphis are nine (9) copies of an FD 302 and for the Bureau one (1) copy of FD 302 setting out interview of victim ANNELL PONDER, on 7/1/63, at Atlanta, Georgia, regarding clothing worn by her when beaten at Winona, Mississippi, jail, on 6/9/63

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Date July 1, 19631

ANNELL PONDER, 1389 Lansing Street, S. E., Atlanta, Georgia, furnished one blue and green cotton print dress which had been ripped and one sleeve torn off. She advised this dress was worn by her at the time she was beaten in the Winona, Mississippi, jail, on June 9, 1963. Miss PONDER said the tears were as a result of the rough handling at the jail by the subjects she described in a previous interview.

Miss PONDER stated she does not recall any blood being on the dress. She advised she had washed the dress since the incident, on June 9, 1963. She said the underclothes worn on June 9, 1963, have been washed and placed with her other garments. She said she could not identify which underclothes she wore, on June 9, 1963.

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On 7/1/63 at Atlanta, Georgia File # AT 44-1452

by SA ROBERT R. NICHOLS/ovr Date dictated 7/1/63

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Date: 7/5/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1063) P

SUBJECT: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, ET AL;
FANNIE LOU HAMER, ET AL - VICTIMS
CR; IMP
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau and Memphis 7/1/63.

FANNIE LOU HAMER was contacted by SA [redacted] at 626 E. Lafayette St., Ruleville, Miss. on 7/3/63. HAMER stated that the clothes she was wearing at the time of her arrest in Winona, Miss. are no longer in her possession. She stated that due to a misunderstanding between herself and EVESTER SIMPSON of Itta Bena, Miss., each thought the other one had the clothing. HAMER stated as it turns out, neither one has the clothes and she has no idea where they may now be.

HAMER concluded by saying the only possible place she could think of where the clothes might be would be at SNCC Headquarters in Greenwood, Miss.

LEAD:

THE MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT GREENWOOD, MISS.

Will contact SNCC workers at Greenwood in an attempt to locate clothing worn by FANNIE LOU HAMER at the time of her arrest at Winona, Miss.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Atlanta (44-1452)

Date: July 5, 1963

Re: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE; ET AL;
FANNY LOU HAMER; ET AL -
VICTIMS
CR; IMPERSONATION

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

Lab. No.

Examination requested by:

Atlanta

PC-76124 GX

Reference:

Airtel 7/1/63

Examination requested:

Chemical Analyses

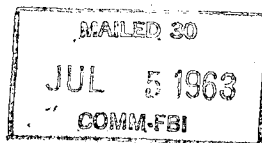
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In accordance with Atlanta's request the dress is
being sent to Memphis under separate cover by registered
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1 - Mr. McDonough, Room 2260

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: **FBI, Atlanta**

Date: **July 5, 1963**

Re: **EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE; ET AL;
FANNY LOU HAMER; ET AL -
VICTIMS
CR; IMPERSONATION**

FBI File No.

Lab. No. **PC-76124 GX**

Specimens received **7/5/63**

Q1 Dress of Annell Ponder

Results of examination:

**The submitted dress was examined for the presence
of blood, but none was found.**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE; ET AL;
FANNY LOU HAMER; ET AL -
VICTIMS
CR; IMPERSONATION**

44-22262-61
File # ~~(11-111111-1111)~~
Lab. # **PC-76124 8X**

Examination requested by: **SAC, Atlanta (44-1452)**

(Airtel 7/1/63)

Examination requested: **Chem. Anal. (BioC.)**

Date received: **7/5**

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

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Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Dress of Annell Ponder

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 7/5/63

FROM : R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE; ET AL;
FANNY LOU HAMER; ET AL -
VICTIMS
CR; IMPERSONATION

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This case involves an alleged beating of four Negroes following their arrest near a cafe in the bus station in Winona, Mississippi, on June 9, 1963. Another Negro was later allegedly beaten by officers after he inquired concerning the charges against the four arrested persons. At the request of the Department, we are conducting an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the alleged beating of the victims.

In this connection the Atlanta Office has submitted the dress worn by Annell Ponder at the time of the beating. This dress was submitted to the Laboratory to determine whether or not any bloodstains were present.

No blood was found on the dress and this information is being furnished Atlanta and Memphis by report today.

ACTION: For information.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. McDonough, Room 2260

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Memo Rosen to Belmont
Re: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, ET AL.

ACTION:

If approved, in view of the Department's position, the field will be instructed to handle this request in a circumspect manner in order to preclude any embarrassment to the Bureau. (AIRTEL ATTACHED)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 7/8/63

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, ET AL.
FANNIE LOU HAMER, ET AL. -
VICTIMS
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The Department requests that we obtain photographs of three possible subjects in this matter to be displayed to victims for possible identification. If photographs not available from other sources or subjects, themselves, they should be procured by photographing subjects with or without their consent.

This case involves an allegation that four Negroes were beaten upon arrest after they entered a cafe attached to the bus terminal in Winona, Mississippi, on 6/9/63. Another Negro was allegedly beaten when he inquired of local authorities regarding the charges against the other Negroes. The victims have been unable to positively identify some of the participating officers, since the officers did not identify themselves.

Extensive efforts have been made to obtain photographs of the persons desired by the Department, Sheriff Earl Patridge, Montgomery County (Winona), and Winona Police Department Patrolman William Surrell and Alton Stidham, which have been unfruitful to date. These individuals have refused to furnish photographs of themselves and have refused to allow Agents to photograph them. In addition to the above request, the Department also desires that we attempt to identify an unknown subject of varied description furnished by the victims, to ascertain his connection with this matter and whether he was also a law enforcement officer, and desires we interview several bus drivers relative to this matter.

Sheriff Earl Patridge has refused to furnish any information in this matter and has indicated his objection to the investigation by advising Agents conducting investigation that he, Patridge, would closely follow the Agents' activities and if they violated any local ordinances he would take appropriate action and insure that publicity was given to such activities. Patridge is to go out of office in November, 1963, and the field has been instructed to be most circumspect in the event it is necessary to contact Patridge on any matter.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, ET AL.

The Department was previously informed of Patridge's expressed attitude.

The request that we photograph Patridge, Stidham and Surrell without their consent if the photographs cannot otherwise be obtained, has been fully discussed with the Department. The Department does not feel that it can proceed to a Grand Jury at this time relative to these subjects and have the victims attempt to identify them at that time in view of the variance of descriptions already furnished.

The already expressed uncooperativeness of Patridge and his threatening statements to Agents were pointed out and the Department advised that it was aware of this and advised that it could conceive of no violation of local laws that could be involved in taking these photographs without the consent of the subjects and would support the Agents in connection with any legal question involved. The Department advised that the photographs were not to be used as evidence in any proceeding and were only to be used to effect identification or nonidentification of the subjects.

ACTION

In view of the above developments and reluctance of the sheriff and officers of the Winona Police Department to render any assistance, we have no other choice than to attempt to obtain the photographs of the three subjects desired by the Department without their consent. This should, however, be done in such a manner that the individuals will not be aware that they are being taken. Such photographing should be accomplished in a discreet and circumspect manner to preclude any embarrassment to the Bureau.

The field is being instructed to handle accordingly.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: July 10, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *ARW*SUBJECT: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, ET AL.
FANNIE LOU HAMER, ET AL. -
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In connection with the Department's request that if photographs of three subjects, Sheriff Earl Patridge, Montgomery County (Winona), Mississippi, and Winona Police Officers William Surrell and Alton Stidham, are not otherwise available, we, nevertheless, attempt to photograph them, [redacted] of the Department has advised that the Department desires to proceed by information and not through grand jury proceedings in this case. Since this case involves brutality under color of law, a misdemeanor, where indictment by a grand jury is not required, the Department desires to go to trial directly by criminal information.

This case involves an allegation that 4 Negroes were beaten in connection with arrests after they entered a cafe attached to the bus terminal in Winona, Mississippi, on 6/9/63. Another Negro was allegedly beaten when he inquired regarding the charges against the other Negroes. The victims have been unable to positively identify the above officers, although information developed indicates they were present and may have participated in the beatings. Efforts to obtain photographs of them have been unsuccessful to date, and they have refused to cooperate in any manner. Sheriff Patridge has stated he would follow the investigating Agents' activities and if they violated any local ordinance, he would take appropriate action.

[redacted] advised that any effort to subpoena the subjects before a grand jury and have the victims attempt to identify the subjects at that time would be too exploratory and indicative of an attempt to submit the subjects to self-incrimination. It is felt this would prejudice the grand jury which would promptly no-bill the case. The Department would then be in a weakened position if it attempted then to proceed by information. REC-36 44-22262-14

Certainly a weak excuse.
The Department feels that this is an aggravated case of police brutality and must be brought to trial directly through an information rather than through a grand jury proceeding, and, therefore, desires these photographs be obtained for identification purposes. The photographs would be used only for identification purposes to determine if the Government has a presentable case and would not be used in any proceeding which might follow.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/2/63

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1063) (P)

SUBJECT: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, ET AL.;
ROSIE MARY FREEMAN, ET AL. - VICTIMS
CR; IMP

Attached hereto are the original and 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination which sets forth briefly the results of the interviews of the subjects and victims in this case. The interviews and attempts to interview others who were not present during the alleged mistreatment of the persons are not being set forth since these persons are unable to furnish information which sheds additional light on the matter.

Memorandum is being furnished per Bureau instructions.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Memphis, Tennessee
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appeal #93-0127

Re: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, Sheriff,
Montgomery County, Mississippi,
THOMAS J. HEROD, JR., Chief of
Police, Winona, Mississippi,
JOHN L. BASINGER, Patrolman,
Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol,
Winona, Mississippi, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ROSIE MARY FREEMAN, LAWRENCE GUYOT,
FANNIE LOU HAMER, JUNE ELIZABETH JOHNSON,
ANNELL PONDER, EUVESTER SIMPSON,
JAMES HAROLD WEST - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS; IMPERSONATION

On June 10, 1963, the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice advised that information had been received by the Department of Justice at Washington, D. C., to the effect that representatives of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Greenwood, Mississippi, were arrested at Winona, Mississippi, on June 9, 1963, after they attempted to use the facilities of the Trailways Bus Terminal located at Winona, Mississippi. The Department of Justice stated that the arrests were made by local authorities and the individuals involved were charged with Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest. The persons arrested at the Bus Terminal were identified as Rosie Mary Freeman, Fannie Lou Hamer, June Elizabeth Johnson, Annell Ponder, Euvester Simpson, and James Harold West. The Department advised that victim Lawrence Guyot was arrested on June 9, 1963, also, at the Montgomery County, Mississippi, Sheriff's Office after making inquiry about the others. The Department of Justice requested investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in order that it might be determined whether or not the civil rights of those arrested were violated.

Set forth hereinafter is a summary of the interview of each of the persons arrested.

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Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr., 403 Pelican Street, Greenwood, Mississippi, advised on June 11, 1963, that he had been contacted on June 9, 1963, at Greenwood, Mississippi, and was advised that several members of the SNCC had been arrested at Winona, Mississippi. Guyot stated he immediately drove to Winona, Mississippi, to ascertain the reasons for the arrests of the SNCC people. Guyot advised that he went to the Montgomery County, Mississippi, Courthouse in Winona where he met the Chief of Police of the Winona Police Department. Guyot stated that when he asked about the bonds and charges with respect to those arrested, he was told by the Chief of Police to leave town. He stated he then left the Courthouse and on the sidewalk in front of the Courthouse encountered another officer wearing a blue uniform. The officer arrested him and he was returned to the Montgomery County Courthouse. Guyot advised that he was taken to the Sheriff's Office in the Courthouse and while there was beaten with billy clubs by the officers present. He stated that when he raised his arm to ward off the blows, he fell to the floor where the officers continued to hit him with clubs, and also kicked him several times. Guyot advised that one of the officers who was wearing a blue uniform took a gun from his holster and clicked it two times, although the gun was not pointed at him. Guyot stated that he lost all sense of time, however, also claimed that the beating lasted "one hour and thirty minutes."

Guyot advised during the interview that after the beating, he was taken to the Carroll County Jail at Carrollton, Mississippi, where he was held until June 10, 1963, at which time he was returned to Winona, Mississippi. Guyot advised that Highway Patrolman Basinger (probably John L. Basinger, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP), stationed at Winona, Mississippi) attempted to get him to sign a statement which read, "I came to Winona on Sunday, June 9, 1963, at which time I had trouble with the law. I was bruised when I fell out of my car because I had been drinking the night before. The officers did not

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attack me. I made this statement of my own free will." Guyot said he refused to sign this statement and was hit in the head by Basinger. Guyot advised that he was examined on June 10, 1963, by [redacted] Guyot was subsequently released from the Winona Jail.

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James Harold West, [redacted] Mississippi, was interviewed on June 11, 1963. West advised that while returning to Greenwood, Mississippi, from Charleston, South Carolina, aboard a Trailways bus on June 9, 1963, he was arrested at Winona, Mississippi. West stated that the bus arrived at Winona, Mississippi, at approximately 10:30 a.m., at which time he and several other members of the SNCC who were also aboard the bus entered the bus station restaurant. He stated that he and two of the others went into the lunch counter at the restaurant and sat down. Several minutes later two individuals, one wearing the uniform of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and the other wearing civilian clothes, however, was wearing a gun and carrying a night stick, approached them and told them to get out. West stated that he and the other two Negro female members of the SNCC left the restaurant. West went on to state that he and the others stood outside the restaurant for several minutes at which time one of the members suggested they get the tag number of the Highway Safety Patrol automobile which was parked near the restaurant. When one of the members had taken the license number, the Highway Patrolman came out of the restaurant and placed all of them under arrest. A fourth member who had remained on the bus then embarked and asked whether she should continue to Greenwood, at which time the Highway Patrolman placed her under arrest also. West stated that five members of the SNCC, including himself, were arrested at the restaurant and taken to the jail in Winona, Mississippi. He stated that the other four were females.

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West went on to state that after his arrival at the jail, he was placed in a cell. After being put in the cell, the Highway Patrolman told two Negro inmates of the jail to whip him. He stated that he stretched out on his bunk in the cell, face down, and the two inmates beat him with some type of instrument. He stated that during the beating he was hit on the back of the head and knocked unconscious. West went on to advise that on June 10, 1963, he was taken to the Sheriff's Office at the Montgomery County, Mississippi, Courthouse, in Winona, Mississippi, where he wrote out a statement which read: "On Sunday, June 9, we went into a restaurant and was asked to leave. After we got to the door we started back and was arrested. We were brought to the jail and was not mistreated at any time by anyone. I signed this of my own free will and accord." West stated that he signed the statement which he gave to the Chief of Police of the Winona City Police.

West went on to state that on June 11, 1963, he was taken to the City Hall, Winona, Mississippi, where he was charged with Disturbing the Peace and Resisting Arrest. He advised that his bond was set at \$200 at that time.

West was subsequently released from the Winona City Jail.

Annell Ponder, 25 Burbank Drive, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, advised on June 12, 1963, that she was arrested at Winona, Mississippi, on June 9, 1963, at the Trailways Bus Station. She stated that she was en route from Charleston, South Carolina, to Greenwood, Mississippi, by bus when the arrest occurred. Ponder advised that she was one of several members of the SNCC who entered the bus station restaurant at Winona and were ordered to leave by the Chief of Police of the Winona City Police and a Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman. She stated that after being ordered out of the restaurant, she and the others stood in front of the cafe, at which time one of the SNCC members took down the license number of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol automobile parked nearby. After this had been done, the Chief of

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Police told them they were all under arrest and she and the others were taken to the Winona City Jail.

Ponder went on to state that after arriving at the jail, she was questioned by several officers, one of whom was wearing a blue uniform. The officer in the blue uniform asked her if she did not have enough respect to say "Yes Sir." Ponder stated that she did not answer him and the officer repeated the question. Ponder stated that she then answered, "I don't know you this well." She stated that she and the others were then put in cells in the jail.

Ponder said that while in the cell she believes she could hear sounds and screams coming from the office. She stated she was later removed from her cell and taken back to the office where an officer in a blue uniform, while questioning her, hit her on the forehead with his fist. She stated that she raised her arm to ward off the second blow and was struck on the arm by the officer. She stated that the officers present attempted to make her say, "Yes Sir," to them. When she refused she was struck on the head with a blackjack and fell to the floor. Ponder stated that while on the floor, she was hit again with the blackjack. When she refused to say "Yes Sir," she was struck several more times. Ponder estimated that she was hit for about four or five minutes.

Ponder went on to state that on June 11, 1963, she appeared in Winona Court where she was charged with Disturbing the Peace and Resisting Arrest. She stated she has pled not guilty to these charges. She stated that bond of \$200 was placed on her at that time.

Ponder was subsequently released from the Winona City Jail.

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June Elizabeth Johnson, 317 Noel Street, Greenwood, Mississippi, was interviewed on June 12, 1963. Johnson furnished substantially the same information regarding the circumstances of her arrest as that furnished by West and Ponder. In addition, Johnson advised that upon her arrival at the Winona Jail, she was put into a cell. She stated that in the cell she was slapped by a Highway Patrolman and she fell to the floor. While on the floor, she looked up and saw three white men kicking her. She stated that during this time she was also hit on the head with a club. Johnson advised that as a result of the hits, she had a cut lip and there was blood on her dress. She stated that the Highway Patrolman made her wash the dress. She stated that she was also told to write a statement which read, "I wasn't hurt at the bus station or the jail and I am writing this of my own free will and without pressure." She advised that she wrote as directed and signed her name.

Johnson stated that she went to the City Hall on June 11, 1963, at which time she was advised that she did not have to make a plea in court because she was 15 years of age.

Rose Mary Freeman, [redacted] Mississippi, advised on June 12, 1963, that she had been arrested on June 9, 1963, at Winona, Mississippi. Freeman furnished basically the same information as the persons mentioned above regarding her arrest. She stated that after her arrival at the jail, she was placed in a cell. In the cell she could hear noises which sounded like someone being hit. She stated that the noise eventually stopped and June Johnson was brought into her cell. She stated after Johnson had been placed in the cell Ponder was removed and she could hear Ponder hollering and could hear noise which sounded like she was being struck. She stated that later officers came to the doorway of the cell and a Highway Patrolman started questioning her. She stated that the questions

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concerned her activities in racial matters. During the questioning, one of the officers grabbed a scarf which she was wearing around her neck and pulled it. He also gave her a shove into a corner of the cell.

Freeman advised that a third SNCC worker, a Mrs. Hamer, was also taken from the cell into the room and she again heard noises like someone being beaten. Freeman advised that she was not physically abused during the time she was at the Winona Jail.

Euvester Simpson, [REDACTED] Mississippi, advised on June 12, 1963, that she was arrested with other members of the SNCC at Winona, Mississippi, on June 9, 1963. She furnished substantially the same information with respect to the circumstances of the arrest.

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Simpson advised that after her arrival at the jail, she was placed in a cell. She stated that several of the other women were removed from the cells and taken to a room and from the outcries and the noises it sounded as if they were being beaten. Simpson stated that eventually an officer came to her cell and told her to come out. She was taken to a different cell which was occupied by two Negro men. She stated that she then made the statement, "So I see they got you doing the dirty work." She stated that she then asked the two Negro men what she was supposed to do and was advised that she was to lay on the bunk in the cell. She pointed out that she believes the two men were inmates in the jail. Simpson claims she then asked if she was to lay down on her stomach or her back and one of the men replied she could lay either way. She stated that the white man who took her from the cell was standing at the door of the cell during the conversation. At this point, the white man told her to come out of the cell and she was returned to the cell in which she had originally been placed.

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Simpson advised that no one mistreated her at the jail and she did not observe the others being mistreated, although she heard noises which sounded as if they were being mistreated.

Simpson was subsequently released from the Winona Jail.

Fannie Hamer was contacted at Ruleville, Mississippi, on June 12, 1963, at which time she advised that she did not desire to furnish any information with respect to circumstances surrounding her arrest at Winona, Mississippi, on June 9, 1963.

The following persons, members of the Winona, Mississippi, Police Department; Montgomery County, Mississippi, Sheriff's Office; and the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, were contacted and requested to furnish information regarding the circumstances and subsequent actions taken with respect to the arrest of the above persons. Each of these individuals advised that he did not desire to make any statements or furnish any information with respect to this matter.

John L. Basinger
Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol

Earl Wayne Patridge, Sheriff,
Montgomery County, Mississippi

Bill Surrell, Patrolman,
Winona City Police Department

Alton Stidham,
Winona City Police Department.

Thomas J. Herod, Jr., Chief of Police, Winona, Mississippi, on June 11, 1963, advised that on the morning of June 9, 1963, he received a telephone call advising him that there was trouble at the restaurant

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at the Trailways Bus Terminal at Winona. Chief Herod advised that he proceeded to the restaurant where he observed approximately ten Negroes in the cafe. He stated that three of these people were at one end of the cafe and he walked over and told them that "colored" persons were not served in the cafe. Chief Herod stated that these individuals then left the cafe. He advised that others were seated at the stools at the cafe counter. He stated that he also told these individuals that "colored" people were not served and they got up and went outside. Chief Herod advised that at this time Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman John Basinger arrived at the cafe and he requested Basinger to assist him. He stated that the Negro people that he had ordered out of the cafe were milling around on the outside and he noticed one, later identified as Annell Ponder, take the license number from the Highway Patrol car. He stated that these individuals then started back toward the door of the cafe and were about to enter when an elderly man in the cafe, who was accompanied by several other white people, remarked to him, "If you can't handle the situation concerning the Negroes, by God we can."

Chief Herod stated he then took six of the Negroes into custody with the assistance of Basinger and E. W. Patridge, Sheriff of Montgomery County, Mississippi. He stated that the individuals under arrest caused no trouble until they had arrived at the jail, at which time they refused to enter the cells. He stated that it was necessary to use force in putting them in the cells. Chief Herod stated that no brutality was used, however, in placing these individuals in the cells. He advised that the persons arrested were charged with Disturbing the Peace and Resisting Arrest.

Chief Herod advised that he made the arrests because he feared that a riot would ensue at the cafe between the Negroes and the whites if he did not take action.

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Chief Herod went on to state that later on June 9, 1963, he was contacted by one Lawrence Guyot, a member of the SNCC, to which organization the arrested persons belonged. He stated that Guyot asked him about the charges which had been placed against the persons arrested and if anything could be done to get them out of jail. He stated that he told Guyot that a hearing would be held on the following day which was Monday. Herod stated that Guyot then proceeded toward his car but before he reached his car he turned and came back toward him and started to curse and threaten him. Herod stated that he asked Guyot if he knew who he was talking to and Guyot replied that he did not care who he was talking to. He stated he then placed Guyot under arrest. He stated that because the Montgomery County Jail was filled to capacity, Guyot was taken to the Carroll County Jail which is nearby. Chief Herod advised that all of the persons appeared before Mayor BILLINGSLEY of Winona, Mississippi, on June 11, 1963. All were charged with disturbing the peace and resisting arrest, with the exception of June Johnson who was discovered to be 15 years of age at that time.

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EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, ET AL. FANNIE LOU HAMER, ET AL DASH
VICTIMS. CR.

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RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO MEMPHIS, JULY TEN LAST.

[REDACTED] TRAILWAYS BUS
CO., JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED TODAY DRIVER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MISS., TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WHO IS SCHEDULED TO BE OFF DUTY TODAY,
WAS THE DRIVER OF TRAILWAYS BUS WHICH ARRIVED AT WYNONA, MISS.
AT NINE TWENTY AM ON JUNE NINE, SIXTYTHREE FROM GREENVILLE,
MISS. AND LEFT WYNONA AT NINE THIRTYFIVE AM ENROUTE TO COLUMBUS,
MISS.

[REDACTED] FOR CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS BUS
LINES, JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED TODAY HE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
SO [REDACTED] CAN BE INTERVIEWED BY FBI AT COLUMBUS, MISS. WITHOUT
HAVING [REDACTED] COME TO JACKSON, MISS. FOR INTERVIEW.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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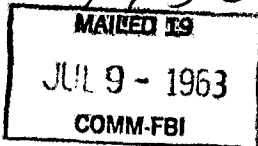
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| | | CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS; IMPERSONATION | |

The title of this report is marked "changed" in order to reflect the full names of the three known subjects and to show the complete names of all victims as furnished by the victims, it being noted that the title of communications in this case has previously been carried as "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; FANNIE HAMER, ET AL VICTIMS, CR."

REFERENCES:

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AT WINONA, MISSISSIPPI:

No specific leads are being set forth in this report, it being noted that this is an interim report which includes investigation up to and including 6/14/63. All leads for other Divisions have been set forth in separate communications. Memphis will complete investigation in this matter and submit additional investigative report.

It is noted that Bureau by airtel 6/15/63 advised that Department Attorney [REDACTED] was proceeding to Oxford, Miss., 6/17/63 and thereafter he would proceed to Greenwood, Miss. Bureau advised that [REDACTED] may request additional investigation. Memphis will keep Bureau advised of any such additional investigation which may be requested [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Oxford, Mississippi

Report of: SA TIMOTHY M. CASEY, JR.
Date: June 17, 1963

Office: MEMPHIS

Field Office File No.: 44-1063

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Title: EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, Sheriff, Montgomery County, Mississippi;
THOMAS J. HEROD, JR., Chief of Police, Winona, Mississippi;
JOHN L. BASINGER, Patrolman, Mississippi Highway Safety
Patrol, Winona, Mississippi; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
~~CHARACTER~~ ROSIE MARY FREEMAN, LAWRENCE GUYOT, FANNY LOU HAMER,
JUNE ELIZABETH JOHNSON, ANNELL PONDER, EUVESTER SIMPSON,
JAMES HAROLD WEST - VICTIMS

~~SYNOPSIS~~
Character: CIVIL RIGHTS; IMPERSONATION

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Synopsis: On 6/9/63, 6 Negroes who had been with party of 10 Negroes traveling by bus from Charleston, S. C., where attended SNCC workshop, to Greenwood, Miss., were arrested at Winona, Miss., bus station after they entered restaurant at bus station. Four of the 6 Negroes allegedly physically abused. Victim GUYOT allegedly traveled from Greenwood, Miss., to Winona, Miss., after learning of arrests of 6 victims and states he (GUYOT) was arrested and thereafter physically abused in Winona. Preliminary investigation conducted after appropriate local heads of agencies advised of investigation. Mayor of Winona, Miss., advised that victims WEST, SIMPSON, HAMER, FREEMAN and PONDER were charged with disturbing the peace by disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest on 6/9/63. Stated victim JOHNSON, a juvenile, not formally charged, but parents notified and victim JOHNSON to be released. Victim GUYOT charged with disturbing the peace on 6/9/63. Chief of Police, Winona, Miss., stated that victims WEST, HAMER, PONDER, FREEMAN and SIMPSON afforded hearing 6/11/63 and each fined \$100 for disturbing peace and resisting arrest. Stated victim GUYOT afforded hearing 6/12/63, fined \$65 for disturbing peace. Doctors who examined some of victims interviewed and details of their observations and reported treatment set out. Photographs made of victims by Agents. Results of other investigation conducted through 6/14/63 set out.

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DETAILS:

1. PREDICATION

Investigation in this matter was predicated upon information furnished to the Atlanta Division on June 10, 1963, by [] Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Atlanta, Georgia, who advised that 7 field secretaries of SNCC who were en route from somewhere in South Carolina to Greenwood, Mississippi, were arrested at Winona, Mississippi, after entering the white waiting room of the bus station in Winona. [] stated that one of these individuals, LAWRENCE GUYOT, was allegedly slapped by a State Trooper during the arrest. [] stated he did not have complete details as to the reason for the arrest of the 7 individuals. Besides GUYOT, he identified the others as ANNELL PONDER, FANNY LOU HAMER, JUNE E. JOHNSON, ROSEMARY FREEMAN, EUVESTER SIMPSON, and JAMES WEST.

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Also, on June 10, 1963, the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice furnished information which it had received from [] SNCC representative, Greenwood, Mississippi, to the effect that FANNY HAMER, ANNELL PONDER, JUNE JOHNSON, ROSEMARY FREEMAN, EUVESTER SIMPSON and JAMES WEST, all Negroes who have been active in voter registration matters, were arrested on June 9, 1963, at a bus terminal at Winona, Mississippi, by local authorities when they tried to use restrooms. [] advised the Department that these persons were charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. He also advised that LAWRENCE GUYOT was arrested later by a Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman in front of the Sheriff's Office where GUYOT had come to see about the arrests of the other persons.

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SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN II telephonically furnished the following information from Jackson, Mississippi, June 11, 1963:

On June 11, 1963, SA VIRDEN informed [redacted] Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, and [redacted] to Governor ROSS R. BARNETT, both Jackson, Mississippi, that the FBI has instituted a civil rights investigation involving, among others, Patrolmen [redacted] and BASINGER of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol.

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[redacted] stated he did not recognize the name [redacted] as being that of one of the Patrolmen but that a JOHN BASINGER is a member of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol stationed at Winona.

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[redacted] was informed in the absence of Colonel BIRDSONG and [redacted] was informed inasmuch as Governor BARNETT was tied up and not available.

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On June 11, 1963, Chief of Police THOMAS J. HEROD, JR., Winona, Mississippi, and Sheriff EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE of Montgomery County, Winona, Mississippi, detailed interviews with whom are set forth hereinafter, were both advised at the outset of this investigation that investigation was being conducted in this matter.

The following preliminary investigation was conducted between June 11 and 14, 1963:

Date June 17, 1963

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On June 11, 1963, THOMAS J. HEROD, JR., Chief of Police, Winona, Mississippi, was interviewed at the City Hall. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and was advised of the nature of the investigation. Chief HEROD was also advised that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he made could be used in a court of law, and he was also advised of his right to have an attorney.

HEROD stated that on the morning of June 9, 1963, he received a telephone call at his home from THOMAS HODGES, the Fire Chief of Winona, Mississippi, to the effect that there was trouble at Staley's Cafe on Highway 51. He advised that when the Fire Chief is on duty on Sundays, he takes all calls and relays pertinent calls to him. Chief HEROD stated he immediately got into a car and proceeded to Staley's Cafe on Highway 51. He advised he observed a Trailways Bus at the Trailways Bus Station, which adjoins Staley's Cafe. He stated he entered the cafe and observed ten Negroes in the cafe. He stated that three Negroes were at one end of the cafe and he walked over and told them that "colored" persons were not served in the cafe and that they got up and left. He advised that five "colored" persons, who later were identified as SNCC workers, were seated on stools at the counter, these five including four girls and one boy. He stated he observed two other Negro females who were headed toward the rest room in the cafe and that he told these two girls that the rest rooms were around on the other side of the cafe and that they went out of the cafe also. He stated he then walked by the five "colored" persons seated at the counter and told them that "colored" people were not served in the cafe and they got up and went outside.

He stated at this time Mississippi State Highway Patrolman JOHN BASINGER had arrived at the cafe and he had requested BASINGER to assist him. He stated the Negroes were milling around outside the cafe and around the Trailways Bus for a few minutes and that he noticed one of the Negro women, later identified as ANNELL PONDER, went around and got the license number off the Highway Patrol car. He

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stated that the Negroes then started back toward the door of the cafe and one of them had the door about two-thirds open when an elderly white man who was accompanied by several other white people told the Chief, "If you can't handle the situation concerning the Negroes, by God we can."

Chief HEROD advised that he then took six of the Negroes into custody with the assistance of Patrolman BASINGER; and with the aid of BASINGER and Sheriff E. W. PATRIDGE, Sheriff, Montgomery County, whom he had previously called, they transported the six Negroes to the Montgomery County Jail. He advised that all of the Negroes went peacefully until after they arrived at the Jail but when the time came to place them in cells, they refused to enter the cells and it was necessary to use force to place the Negroes in the cells. He advised, however, that no brutality was used in placing the Negroes in the cells. He advised that the six persons were booked at the jail and charged with disturbing the peace and resisting arrest. These individuals were JAMES WEST, FANNIE HAMER, ANNELL PONDER, JUNE JOHNSON, ROSEMARY FREEMAN, and EUVESTER SIMPSON.

He stated that the main reason that he placed the six Negroes under arrest and took them to the Jail was because he was afraid that it would result in a riot at Staley's Cafe between the Negroes and the whites.

He advised he then left the Jail and had no further contact with the persons until later when he stated that on the afternoon of Sunday, June 9, 1963, one LAWRENCE GUYOT came to the Courthouse at Winona at approximately 3 p.m., and asked him, Chief HEROD, what the charges were against the six Negroes and if anything could be done to get them out of jail. HEROD stated he told GUYOT that the Mayor who would hold a hearing for the Negroes was not available and nothing could be done until Monday morning concerning getting the six out of jail. He advised that GUYOT gave him the phone number, GL 3-1282, Greenwood, Mississippi, where he could be reached if it was so desired.

He advised at the time he was talking to GUYOT that they were standing on the east side of the Courthouse and that when the conversation was terminated, GUYOT turned and started toward his car which was parked at the curb but then GUYOT turned and came back toward him and started to curse and threaten him, with what he would do to the Chief. HEROD stated that he asked GUYOT if he knew who

he was talking to and GUYOT said, "I don't give a G d who I am talking to." He stated he then placed GUYOT under arrest and marched him to the Courthouse.

He advised that he ascertained that the Montgomery County Jail was filled to capacity and he decided to take GUYOT to the Carroll County Jail, Carrollton, Mississippi, as it was common policy for him and the Sheriff of Carroll County to lend assistance in housing prisoners in jail if the other did not have room to house them. He advised that he obtained the services of BILL SURRELL, Patrolman on the Winona Police Department, and they transported LAWRENCE GUYOT to the Carroll County Jail, Carrollton, Mississippi, in the Winona police car, arriving there at approximately 4 p.m., June 9, 1963. He stated that once GUYOT was lodged in the Carroll County Jail, he and SURRELL returned to Winona, Mississippi.

He advised that on the afternoon of June 10, 1963, he returned to Carrollton, Mississippi, and with the aid of Winona Patrolman ALTON STIDHAM he picked up GUYOT and returned to Winona with him and they placed GUYOT in the Montgomery County Jail at approximately 6:30 p.m., June 10, 1963. He advised that GUYOT was booked for disturbing the peace, resisting arrest, and was charged with investigation for murder, inasmuch as a letter had been found on GUYOT when he was searched which gave information concerning the killing of some unknown individual. He advised that GUYOT would not talk about the letter.

Chief HEROD advised that on the morning of June 11, 1963, a hearing was held at the City Hall, with Mayor MC.BILLINGSLEY of Winona, presiding. He stated all of the victims except LAWRENCE GUYOT were afforded a hearing at this time but that when it was discovered that JUNE JOHNSON was only 15 years of age, no charges were placed against her. Her parents in Greenwood, Mississippi, were notified that she would be released to them if they would come and get her.

Chief HEROD stated that JAMES WEST, FANNIE HAMER, ANNELL PONDER, ROSEMARY FREEMAN and EUVESTER SIMPSON, all pled guilty to disturbing the peace and resisting arrest and that they were all fined \$100.00 and an alternative bond of \$200.00 was set. He advised that none of the prisoners paid their fine or made bond and, consequently, were returned to the Montgomery County Jail. He stated that GUYOT's hearing would probably be held on the following day.

Chief HEROD was requested to make a copy of the letter found on GUYOT available; however, he declined to furnish a copy at that time, inasmuch as he stated investigation was continuing to determine if an actual killing had occurred.

A request was made of Chief HEROD to make the victims available for interview and he stated it would be all right for the interviewing Agents to interview the victims at the Montgomery County Jail; however, he stated that these interviews could be conducted only at his, Chief HEROD's, convenience inasmuch as he was short-handed on the police force and had a great deal of work to do himself.

Chief HEROD made LAWRENCE GUYOT available for interview at approximately 10:15 a.m., June 11, 1963, and his interview was terminated at approximately 12 noon. Chief HEROD did not make another victim available until approximately 2 p.m., June 11, 1963, and this interview was terminated at Chief HEROD's request at 4:30 p.m., June 11, 1963, at which time he advised the other victims would be made available on the morning of June 12, 1963.

The following description was obtained by observation:

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| Name: | TOMMY J. HEROD, JR. |
| Race: | White |
| Sex: | Male |
| Age: | 54 |
| Height: | 5'9" |
| Weight: | 150 |
| Build: | Slender |
| Hair: | Greying |
| Complexion: | Medium |
| Eyes: | Blue |
| Marital status: | Married |
| Former occupation: | Foreman, Ford Garage, Winona, Mississippi, for 24 years and part time deputy sheriff since 1942 |
| Present occupation: | Chief of Police, Winona, Mississippi, since July, 1961. |

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LAWRENCE THOMAS GUYOT, JR., 403 Pelican Street, Greenwood, Mississippi, was advised of the nature of the investigation and the identity of the investigating Agents. GUYOT was advised that any statement he desired to make could be used in a court of law.

GUYOT stated that BERNARD WASHINGTON, a field worker for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee who had returned from a work shop at Charleston, South Carolina, contacted him on June 9, 1963, at Greenwood, Mississippi, and advised him that six members of the group of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) workers had been arrested by officers at the Winona, Mississippi, bus station about 10:00 A.M. on June 9, 1963. GUYOT stated he immediately drove his personally owned car to Winona, Mississippi, to ascertain the reason for the arrest of ANNELL PONDER, JAMES WEST, FANNIE LOU HAMER, BOSIE FREEMAN, EUVESTER SIMPSON and JUNE JOHNSON. GUYOT stated that he does not know the year of his car nor does he know the license plate number on his car. GUYOT stated that some other persons came to Winona, Mississippi, with him but he did not desire to identify them. GUYOT stated, "I don't know who they were."

GUYOT advised that he arrived at the Montgomery County Court House at about 12:45 P.M. on June 9, 1963, and upon arrival GUYOT contacted a city police officer who was sitting in a patrol car parked in front of the County Court House. GUYOT stated that he asked this officer the directions to the jail and that this officer gave him the directions to the jail. GUYOT stated that he could not identify this officer other than he was in uniform and sitting in a patrol car. GUYOT stated that while in the jail he received a message that he should proceed to the court house if he wanted to see the Chief of Police. GUYOT stated that he returned to the court house and went into the office of the Sheriff where he met the Chief of Police and he told the Chief that he wanted to know about the charges and the bonds for the people that had been arrested at the bus station. GUYOT stated that the Chief told him to leave town.

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GUYOT advised that he walked outside the court house for the purpose of entering his car which was parked in front of the court house. Before entering his car and while standing on the sidewalk, an officer wearing a uniform, blue in color, arrested him. GUYOT stated that it was not the Chief of Police who arrested him. GUYOT stated that he can possibly identify this officer and feels that it may have been a city police patrolman. GUYOT stated that he was arrested at about 1:30 P. M., June 9, 1963. GUYOT stated that he did not talk back to this officer but that this officer told him he was under arrest for disturbing the peace and resisting arrest. GUYOT stated that this officer took him into the court house. GUYOT stated that when he entered the Sheriff's Office, he was asked by this officer if he was a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and did he participate in the demonstrations at Jackson, Mississippi. GUYOT stated that he said, "No," to both questions. GUYOT stated that when he answered these questions, two Mississippi Highway Patrolmen and the officer who arrested him were present, along with eight other white persons, including the jailer and the Chief of Police.

GUYOT stated that the two Mississippi Highway Patrolmen were named [] and BASINGER and that the arresting officer was described as follows:

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| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Age | 25 years |
| Height | 6' 1½" |
| Build | Thin |
| Hair | Dark |
| Dress | Wearing blue shirt and dark blue pants, and wearing officer's cap. |

GUYOT stated that both [] and BASINGER were in uniform.

GUYOT stated that other than those identified above, he does not know the identities of the other individuals present during the beating inflicted upon him, nor can he describe them. GUYOT stated that [] and BASINGER beat him with black billy clubs about the head and after two or three blows on the head, he raised his arms to protect his head and then fell to the floor. The two Highway Patrolmen continued to hit him with

their clubs on his right side while he was lying on the floor and also kicked him several times. GUYOT stated that the officer in the blue uniform also kicked him and on one occasion "took his gun out of his holster and clicked it two times, but did not point it at me." GUYOT stated that he lost all sense of time but that the beating lasted "one hour and thirty minutes." GUYOT stated that during the beating the officers found a letter in his pocket. GUYOT stated that the words "killed in a car" appear in the letter.

GUYOT stated that on June 8, 1963, at about 9:30 P. M., a Negro male, who is unknown to him, came up to him while he was standing on the corner of I Street and Broad Street, Greenwood, Mississippi, and handed him this letter which he was to rewrite and then turn the letter over to local authorities. GUYOT stated that by local authorities he meant the FBI, Justice Department and the Greenwood Police Department. GUYOT stated that he was unable to read this letter as the handwriting was poor and he could only make out portions of this letter and therefore was unable to rewrite this letter. GUYOT stated, "I have reason to believe a member of the SNCC wrote the letter because I recognize the scrawling handwriting." GUYOT stated that he does not desire to state who he thought wrote this letter.

GUYOT advised that after the beating he was taken to the Carroll County Jail at Carrollton, Mississippi, by the Chief of Police of Winona, Mississippi, accompanied by the police officer who tripped the hammer of his pistol twice while he was being beaten in the court house. GUYOT stated that he was not molested during his stay in the jail at Carrollton, Mississippi. GUYOT stated that on June 10, 1963, shortly after lunch a tall gray-haired white male, 6' 1", or 6' 2", in height, 35 years of age, wearing civilian clothes, came into his cell at the jail. GUYOT stated that this individual then presented a small gold badge and stated that he was an FBI Agent and asked such questions as "Who did I come to see?" "What are the reasons for the bruises on my back?" GUYOT stated, "I gave him some silly excuse that I fell out of a car."

GUYOT stated that this man said that "all the charges have been dropped and it would be best to eliminate me anyway because I wouldn't have to walk far without gaining a ride." GUYOT stated that he told this individual that he did not know anyone here or which way to go. This person permitted GUYOT to make a

telephone call in the jailer's office and GUYOT advised that he called GL 3-1282, the SNCC Headquarters in Greenwood, Mississippi, and talked [redacted] GUYOT stated that he asked to speak with "SQUEAKY SANDUS." GUYOT stated that this is a code meaning that he was in trouble and needed help. GUYOT stated that while talking [redacted] he told him that all the charges against him had been dropped and that he was at the Carroll County Jail and that he was to send someone over to pick him up as soon as possible. GUYOT stated [redacted] both SNCC workers from Greenwood, Mississippi, came to the Carroll County Jail. The jailer admitted them and brought them to GUYOT's cell. GUYOT stated that they talked for a minute and then they left with the jailer. GUYOT stated that he has not seen [redacted] since and knows that both were placed in jail at Carrollton. GUYOT advised that after about an hour the Chief of Police from Winona and another officer arrived at the jail. The Chief of Police then told GUYOT to get his belongings and he was then transported to the jail in Winona, Mississippi, by the Chief of Police and the other officer. GUYOT stated that the officer who came with the Chief of Police was not in the Sheriff's Office when he had received the beating nor has he seen this officer since.

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GUYOT stated that at about 8:45 P. M., June 10, 1963, Mississippi Highway Patrolman BASINGER and the Chief of Police came to the Montgomery County Jail and took him to the Sheriff's Office in the court house and attempted to force him to sign a statement to the effect that "I came to Winona on Sunday, June 9, 1963, at which time I had trouble with the law. I was bruised when I fell out of my car because I had been drinking the night before. The officers did not attack me. I made this statement of my own free will."

GUYOT stated that he refused to sign this statement and then BASINGER punched him with his fist on his head and he became groggy. GUYOT stated that the Chief of Police was present when BASINGER struck him. GUYOT then asked another individual in the room who he thought to be an officer, a white male, 35 to 40 years, 5' 10", not in uniform, if he could see a doctor. GUYOT stated that this individual did not answer him. GUYOT stated that he asked the Chief of Police, "If I sign this statement will the charges be dropped?" GUYOT advised that the Chief of Police stated that he would drop two charges, resisting arrest and investigation for murder, but would not drop the charge of disturbing the peace. GUYOT stated that when he talked to the Chief of Police about dropping the charges, there was no

other person in the room. GUYOT stated that the white male whom he had asked to see a doctor returned to the room and kicked him on the flank on the right side and said, "You have just earned yourself a long trip to Whitfield and Parchman. It will be a long time before you see the sun." GUYOT stated that he would be able to recognize this man if he saw him again.

GUYOT advised that he was then taken back to the jail by the Chief of Police and one of the City Patrolmen.

GUYOT advised that at approximately 10:30 P. M. on June 10, 1963, a person by the name [redacted] gave him a physical examination at the jail. GUYOT stated that [redacted] inquired as to the source of the bruises and scars and asked him how old he was. GUYOT stated that he told [redacted] that he did not care to make a statement at that time. GUYOT stated that the doctor was with him for approximately twenty minutes. GUYOT stated that he then got dressed and was taken outside the jail where he was confronted by a crowd of white people. While confronted by this crowd, the white male of whom he had requested to see a doctor and who was present when he was punished by BASINGER in the Sheriff's Office, asked him several questions such as, "Where were you born?" "What is your name?" GUYOT stated that he could not recall what he said, if anything. GUYOT stated that he was then taken back into the jail without being abused and there was no disturbance among the crowd in front of the jail. GUYOT stated that once inside the jail, he was photographed by a person he believed to be the Sheriff. He stated that photographs were taken of the front, back and side views. GUYOT stated also that Mississippi Patrolman BASINGER also took photographs of him as did another individual who is unknown to him and whom he had never seen before. GUYOT stated that all the photographs that were taken of him were taken while he was fully clothed.

GUYOT stated that he would not furnish a signed statement as long as he was in Montgomery County.

GUYOT furnished the following background data pertaining to himself:

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| Name | LAWRENCE THOMAS GUYOT, JR. |
| Race | Negro |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of Birth | July 17, 1939 |
| Place of Birth | Pass Christian, Mississippi |

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| Height | 6' 1½" |
| Weight | 225 pounds |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Hair | Brown |
| Complexion | Light brown |

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LAWRENCE T. GUYOT, SR., 343 Davis
Avenue, Pass Christian, Mississippi
Graduated from Southern Christian
College with Bachelor of Science Degree,
Tougaloo, Mississippi

Draft Status Y-1, registered at Local Board No. 126,
Gulfport, Mississippi.

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JAMES HAROLD WEST, P. O. Box 567, Itta Bena, Mississippi, was advised of the nature of the investigation and of the identity of the interviewing Agents. He was also advised that any statement made may be used in a court of law. WEST furnished the following information:

On June 9, 1963, he was returning from Charleston, South Carolina, where he had attended a Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) workshop and arrived at Winona, Mississippi, enroute to Greenwood, Mississippi, on a Continental Trailways Bus at approximately 10:30 a.m. WEST advised he, ANNELL PONDER, and ROSIE MARY FREEMAN disembarked from the bus and entered the restaurant at the bus terminal. WEST advised that he, PONDER and FREEMAN immediately proceeded to the counter and sat down on the stools. He stated that they remained sitting at the counter for approximately three minutes and then two individuals, one wearing the uniform of a Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman and the other wearing civilian clothes, carrying a night stick and wearing a gun, came over to where they were seated at the counter. The individual wearing civilian clothes tapped all three of them lightly on the shoulder with the night stick and said, "Get out." He stated "Get out" to PONDER and FREEMAN also. WEST stated that all three of them arose from the stools and walked out the restaurant door. WEST stated that PONDER told this individual wearing civilian clothes that "It is against the law to put us out of the restaurant." This individual wearing civilian clothes then stated, "It is no damn law."

WEST stated he, PONDER, and FREEMAN stood outside of the restaurant for several minutes. WEST stated that there were approximately thirty people in the restaurant when they entered. He stated that he believed these people to be white persons. He stated that when they left the restaurant they did not observe any other members of the SNCC group in the restaurant.

While standing outside the restaurant, PONDER stated, "Let's get the tag number of the Highway Patrol car." A white male standing near the bus was observed to tell the Highway Patrolman that PONDER was taking his license.

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WEST stated that the Highway Patrolman walked over to where they were standing and stated, "Get in the patrol car. You are under arrest." WEST stated that the Highway Patrolman did not say what they were being arrested for.

WEST advised that FANNIE HAMER had just disembarked from the bus and she asked PONDER if she wanted her to go on to Greenwood. WEST stated that PONDER stated, "Yes" but at this time the Highway Patrolman told another officer to "get her." WEST stated that HAMER was placed in another car and did not ride to the Winona Jail with him.

WEST stated that he, PONDER, FREEMAN, EUVESTER SIMPSON, and JUNE JOHNSON all entered the back seat of the Highway Patrol car. WEST stated that the Highway Patrolman drove the Patrol car to the Winona Jail and that he was accompanied in the front seat by the person he believed to be an officer wearing civilian clothes and wearing a gun and carrying a night stick. He stated that both cars arrived at the Winona Jail at approximately the same time. WEST stated that they were taken into the jail and all stood near a large table in front of the cell block. WEST stated that he took out his belongings and at this time the officer, whom he described as wearing civilian clothes, and the Highway Patrolman and another person whom he believed to be an officer as he had driven HAMER to the jail, escorted the women into their cells. He stated that he was then placed in a cell and a short time later he was moved to another cell.

WEST stated that the Highway Patrolman who had brought him to the jail told two Negro inmates to "whip me." WEST stated that these two Negro inmates are described as follows:

- 1) Age: 23
Height: 5 feet 6 inches
Weight: 150 pounds
Eyes: Dark
Hair: Dark
Complexion: Dark
- 2) Age: 40
Height: 5 feet 4 inches
Weight: 130 pounds
Eyes: Dark
Hair: Dark, slightly gray
Complexion: Dark

He stated that the above Negro inmates stretched him out on his bunk in his cell, face down. WEST stated he did not know the type of instrument used in the beating. He stated that he was hit several times on the buttocks and then hit him on the back of his head and this blow knocked him out. WEST stated that after he came to, the Highway Patrolman interviewed him in his cell. He stated that this officer asked him what he was doing in Charleston, South Carolina, and WEST stated that he told him that he went to a workshop. The officer then asked him if he was a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and WEST advised that he stated "No." The officer then asked him what organization he belonged to and WEST told him that he was a member of the SNCC. WEST stated that the officer also asked him what he did for this group and WEST stated that he worked on voter registration. WEST stated that this beating took place shortly after his arrival at the Winona County Jail.

WEST advised that on June 10, 1963, at about 9 p.m., he was brought to the Sheriff's Office at the Courthouse and the individual wearing civilian clothes who assisted the Patrolman in effecting the arrest at the bus station was now known to WEST to be the Chief of Police of Winona. He stated that the Chief of Police asked him if he, WEST, wanted to go home. WEST stated, "I do." The Chief of Police escorted WEST from the Montgomery County Jail to the Sheriff's Office in the Montgomery County Courthouse. WEST stated that the Chief of Police then had him write out a statement. WEST stated that the statement consisted of "On Sunday, June 9, we went into a restaurant and was asked to leave. After we got to the door, we started back and was arrested. We were brought to jail and was not mistreated at any time by anyone. I signed this of my own free will and accord." WEST stated that he signed this statement using the name JAMES H. WEST. WEST stated that he also made a space on this statement for witnesses. WEST stated that the Chief of Police then escorted him back to the Montgomery County Jail.

WEST stated that there were approximately six people at the Courthouse when he signed the statement. At about 11 p.m., June 10, 1963, the Chief of Police took him from his cell and at the entrance of the jail, the Highway Patrolman who had ordered him whipped, took a photograph of him with a Polaroid camera. He was fully clothes when the Highway Patrolman took this photograph.

WEST stated that at approximately 9:30 a.m., June 11, 1963, he was taken to the Mayor's Office at the City Hall, Winona, Mississippi, and the Mayor read two affidavits to him, one stating that he was charged with Disturbing the Peace and the other stating that he resisted arrest.

WEST stated that he has not made any request for legal counsel nor was he represented before the Mayor with legal counsel. The Mayor stated to WEST that bond has been set at \$200.00 and a fine imposed of \$100.00.

WEST advised that the Highway Patrolman was the only police officer present at the time he was whipped by the two Negro inmates. WEST stated that he does not know nor did he observe any other beatings of the other SNCC workers; however, he did hear several of the girls hollering on different occasions. WEST stated that he could identify the Highway Patrolman and the Negro inmates who whipped him.

WEST furnished the following background data pertaining to himself:

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| Name: | JAMES HAROLD WEST |
| Date of Birth: | 12/27/43 |
| Place of Birth: | Grenada County, Mississippi |
| Race: | Negro |
| Sex: | Male |
| Height: | 5 feet 5 inches |
| Weight: | 150 pounds |
| Hair: | Brown |
| Eyes: | Brown |
| Complexion: | Dark |
| Military Status: | None |
| Draft Status: | Registered with Local Board 45, Greenwood, Mississippi |
| Nearest of Kin: | [REDACTED] Mississippi |
| Education: | High school junior at Amanda Elzy High School, Greenwood, Mississippi |
| Scars and Marks: | 1-inch scar left eye. |

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On June 11, 1963, SAs LAWRENCE J. OLSON, SR., and ORVILLE V. JOHNSON made a physical inspection of JAMES WEST at the Montgomery County Jail, Winona, Mississippi. During this inspection no bruises, cuts or discolorations of the skin were noted on WEST.

Color photographs were made of JAMES WEST at this time.

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JOHN L. BASINGER, Patrolman, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP), residence [redacted] Mississippi, was interviewed in a Bureau automobile in Winona, Mississippi, and immediately advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, as well as the nature of instant investigation. He was advised that any information he furnished would be free and voluntary on his part, that the information may be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney.

BASINGER stated that he has filed a complete report concerning instant matter with the Commissioner of Safety, Jackson, Mississippi. He further advised that he did not wish to make any further statement regarding this matter except in the presence of the Commissioner of Public Safety, State of Mississippi, and the Attorney General of the State of Mississippi. He did advise, however, that there was no other Mississippi Highway Patrolman involved in instant case and he stated that he does not know of a patrolman by the name [redacted] BASINGER said he would not make any further comments.

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The following description was obtained from personal observation:

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| Name: | JOHN L. BASINGER |
| Race: | White |
| Sex: | Male |
| Age: | 32-34 |
| Height: | 6' |
| Weight: | 180 |
| Hair: | Dark brown |
| Eyes: | Blue |
| Complexion: | Medium |
| Build: | Medium |
| Residence: | [redacted] [redacted] Mississippi |

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Sheriff EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, was contacted at his residence, at which time he was advised of the nature of the inquiry being made. Before any other statements could be made by the interviewing Agents, PATRIDGE interrupted them to advise that he did not have anything whatsoever to say to the interviewing Agents as he knew nothing about it. He explained that the case was handled by the Winona Police Department and he did not wish to discuss it any further. PATRIDGE also added as the Agents were departing, that he had just that minute finished listening to the President of the United States make a nationwide appeal on the radio for racial unity and that after listening to the speech, he was positive that he would not offer any assistance to the interviewing Agents. He stated that prior to hearing the speech he may have furnished information but that he was certain he was not going to furnish any information after hearing this talk.

The following description was obtained by observation:

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| Name: | EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE |
| Race: | White |
| Sex: | Male |
| Age: | About 45 |
| Height: | 5'11" |
| Weight: | 180 |
| Build: | Medium |
| Hair: | Dark, curly |
| Complexion: | Ruddy |
| Marital status: | Married |
| Occupation: | Sheriff, Montgomery County, Winona, Mississippi, since January, 1960. |

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by SAs LYNN P. SMITH and
ROBERT F. SAVARD, JR.:BL Date dictated 6/14/63

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At 9:10 a.m., Chief of Police THOMAS HEROD was contacted in regard to interviewing victims held in the county jail, Winona, Mississippi. He stated he was awaiting a phone call from Chief of Police CURTIS LARY of Greenwood, Mississippi, and Agents would be able to interview the victims after the call. Chief of Police HEROD stated LAWRENCE GUYOT appeared before Mayor M. C. BILLINGSLEY on that morning at 8:30 a.m. and was fined \$65 for disturbing the peace and his bail was set at \$100. He advised GUYOT had been returned to jail. He stated GUYOT had not been represented by counsel but that [redacted] was present at the hearing. Chief of Police HEROD advised that some Memphis attorney called the mayor on the phone that morning and wanted to know if an out-of-state bonding company would be acceptable to make victim's bail. He stated such arrangements would be agreeable. At 10:00 a.m. Chief of Police HEROD was still awaiting the call from Chief of Police CURTIS LARY, Greenwood, Mississippi.

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At 10:10 a.m., Chief of Police HEROD advised he had just received a call from [redacted] telephone number 353-4206, Jackson, Mississippi, who identified himself to Chief HEROD as a Jackson, Mississippi attorney who advised he was bringing cash bonds for victims on that date to Winona. Chief HEROD stated that JUNE JOHNSON would be released to her parents upon their arrival in Winona as charges against her were not being pressed due to her age of 15 years. HEROD stated that Patrolman BILL SURRELL, Winona Police Department, was present when GUYOT was transported to Carroll County Jail on Sunday, June 9, 1963. He stated SURRELL rode with him in a Winona, Mississippi Police Department car and stated this is the only time SURRELL had anything to do with any of the victims. Chief of Police HEROD advised Officer ALTON STIDHAM, the night man, Winona Police Department, went to the Carroll County Jail with him on June 10, 1963, and assisted the Chief of Police in returning GUYOT to Winona. Chief of Police HEROD advised he only has 4 men in his department, including himself, and the police department does not maintain a radio log.

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He was questioned regarding the letter taken from GUYOT concerning a possible killing, and he stated that this letter had been turned over to Sheriff PATRIDGE.

At 10:20 a.m., Chief of Police HEROD advised he had to get a package of cigarettes and then would accompany the Agents to the jail to interview the victims. Chief HEROD departed from City Hall and did not return until 10:40 a.m. Chief HEROD said he would then go to the jail. Agents started to get into their car but Chief HEROD then said he had to handle a check matter and went in the City Hall. He returned at 10:47 a.m. and started for the jail in his private car and bumped into a truck parked on the street. The Chief of Police stopped to make a brief investigation of the accident. He arrived at the Montgomery County Jail with the Agents at 10:53 a.m. At the jail, [redacted]

[redacted] called to the Chief of Police and they had a short talk in private. The Chief of Police then returned and advised the Agents that it would be much more convenient to return to the courthouse and stated facilities were better there as the building is air conditioned. Chief of Police HEROD stated he would transport each prisoner separately to the courthouse for interview and return them. The Agents advised Chief of Police and [redacted] that they would prefer to interview all victims at the jail where they were incarcerated.

Agents departed the jail at 11:23 a.m. without interviewing any of the victims. Chief HEROD said he could be re-contacted at approximately 1:00 p.m. and the interviews could be conducted.

At 1:10 p.m., Chief of Police HEROD was located at his home and said he would come to the jail so the victims could be interviewed. Chief HEROD arrived at the Montgomery County Jail at 1:25 p.m. At 2:00 p.m., Chief HEROD advised the victims could be interviewed but no photographs could be taken as there was not enough time. At 2:02 p.m., the first interview with victims commenced.

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Miss ANNELL PONDER, 25 Burbank Drive, Southwest, Atlanta 14, Georgia, was advised of the nature of the investigation and the identity of the investigating Agents. She was advised that any statement she desired to make could be used in a court of law. Miss PONDER advised as follows:

Miss PONDER was en route from Charleston, South Carolina, to Greenwood, Mississippi, via a Continental Trailways bus when this bus stopped at the bus station at Winona, Mississippi, on June 9, 1963. She stated that the bus arrived in Winona at about 11:15 a.m.

She stated that upon arrival, three or four members of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) group who were passengers on the bus disembarked and went into the cafe at the bus station. She stated that she, JUNE JOHNSON, and JAMES WEST entered the restaurant at the bus station and sat down on stools at the counter.

She stated that when they entered the cafe there were about 20 white persons in the cafe, some sitting at the counter and some standing. She stated that there were two white waitresses working behind the counter and both of these individuals turned their backs and one of them threw the washrag against the back of the counter and said, "I can't take no more."

Miss PONDER stated that the Chief of Police and a Mississippi Highway Patrol (MHP) Officer entered the cafe at that time. She stated that the Chief of Police tapped each of them lightly on the shoulder with a blackjack and stated "Get out of here." Miss PONDER advised him, "You know it's against the law to put us out." The Chief of Police then stated, "Ain't no damn law." "You get out of here."

Miss PONDER stated that she, JUNE JOHNSON and JAMES WEST went outside of the cafe door and were joined there by EUVESTER SIMPSON. She stated that SIMPSON told her that an officer made her use a segregated toilet and he showed her which one to go into. She stated that the four of them stood in front of the cafe and talked between five and eight

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minutes, at which time another SNCC worker, FANNIE LOU HAMER, joined them. Miss PONDER stated that she desired to talk to the bus driver; however, did not do so.

She stated that she walked back toward the door of the cafe to look in to get a better look at the officers as the officers were still in the cafe. She stated that she observed the MHP Officer in the restaurant and at this time decided to obtain the tag number on the Highway Patrol car which was parked around the back of the bus station. She stated that while standing near the MHP car, she started to write down the license number and at this time the Chief of Police and the MHP Officer came out of the cafe and told them that they were all under arrest.

She stated that this included EUVESTER SIMPSON, JAMES WEST, JUNE JOHNSON and ROSIE MARY FREEMAN, as well as herself. The Chief of Police at this time stated, "You're all under arrest." The Chief of Police then said, "Get in this car," which she stated was the MHP car.

She stated that FANNIE LOU HAMER came over to talk to her and wanted to know if she wanted her to continue on to Greenwood and Miss PONDER said, "Yes." She stated at this time the Chief of Police stated to another person who she believed to be an officer, described as white male, 45 years of age, 5'10" tall, "Get her, too, and bring her on in the other car." She stated that the Chief of Police made the statement at this time, "You all are just raising hell all over the place."

Miss PONDER stated that the MHP Officer and the Chief of Police drove to the jail in the highway patrol car with her, SIMPSON, WEST, JOHNSON and FREEMAN. FANNIE HAMER entered another car with the other individual described above.

Both cars arrived at the jail at about the same time and upon arrival at the jail, after entering, all individuals stood before a large desk in the anteroom of the jail. She stated that upon arrival at the jail, the Chief of Police, the MHP Officer, and another officer who was wearing a blue uniform were present at the jail.

She stated that the officer in the blue uniform asked her if she had enough respect to say "Yes sir" to him. Miss PONDER stated that she did not answer him. She stated that he

then asked again if she had enough respect to say "yes sir" to him and she stated to the officer, "I don't know you this well." Miss PONDER stated that the above officers then commenced putting her and the others into cells at the jail.

She stated that the officers put her, FREEMAN, HAMER, and SIMPSON in one cell and then she could hear the officers asking JUNE JOHNSON questions in the anteroom of the jail. Miss PONDER stated that she did not know which officer was asking the questions but that one of them asked her the question, "What do you think we're supposed to do about that?" She stated she heard JOHNSON reply, "You're supposed to protect us and see about us."

She said that she heard screams and sounds of violence. She stated that she did not know the details of the violence nor could she say what was transpiring between the officers and JUNE JOHNSON. She stated that the Chief of Police then came and took her out of her cell and she passed JOHNSON who was being placed in the cell which she had just left. Miss PONDER stated that blood was streaming from JUNE JOHNSON's face and she was crying.

Miss PONDER stated that she does not know which of the officers accompanied JUNE JOHNSON to her cell. Miss PONDER stated that after she was let out of the cell, she stood in the corner of the jail's anteroom. She stated that she heard one of the individuals who was standing in the anteroom say something about "nigger." She stated that this individual was described as a white male, 30 years of age, 5'4" tall, 160 pounds, brown hair, crewcut, with clear eyes, either dark blue or black, wearing apparel unknown.

She stated that an officer in a blue uniform then hit her on the forehead on the left side above the eye with his fist. She stated that she was wearing bracelets on her arms and that she put her arms up to defend her face and the officer struck her again and hurt his hand. She stated that this officer turned away and the Chief of Police offered his blackjack to him but the officer did not take it.

This white male, described above as having a crewcut haircut, then hit her on the temple in the same spot with his fist

as the officer had done. Then the officer in uniform wanted her to say "yes sir" again. She stated that the MHP Officer and the Chief of Police and another elderly man who was wearing a black cap and small in build, all kept asking her to say "yes sir." She stated that the MHP Officer then hit her with his blackjack on the back of the head and she fell down and lay face down on the floor.

He hit her again on the thighs, hips and buttocks. She stated that she did not know who actually did the hitting while she was lying on the floor on her face. She stated that she then got up from the floor and the officer in the blue uniform wanted to know if she could say, "Yes sir" and she stated, "Yes sir." She stated that she did not say "Yes sir" again when he asked her to. She stated that the MHP Officer then hit her again in the stomach with his fist and again on her head and she fell to the floor. She stated that the beating she received lasted for about 4-5 minutes.

She stated that the officers then opened a cell which enters directly into the anteroom and took out a white prisoner and placed her in the same cell. She stated that she does not have any abrasions from this beating but does have bruises on her hips, back and thighs and has a cracked tooth on the upper left side of her mouth.

She stated that she also has a black left eye from blows inflicted. She stated that her menstrual period started Monday and it is more painful than usual. She stated that [redacted] at the jail, have been very nice to her and have brought her ice water during her stay in jail.

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She stated that she has been able to use the telephone whenever she has asked.

She stated that during the evening of June 10, 1963, she was advised that the trial for her and the others would be held the following morning. She stated that the MHP Officer was with the Chief of Police when he advised her of the date of the trial. She stated that on June 11, 1963, during the early morning hours before attending the trial, that [redacted] asked if she had any statement to make about the treatment she had received since coming to Winona, Mississippi.

[redacted] stated to her that it would be for his record as well as her own. Miss PONDER stated she told him she would make a statement at the trial. She stated that EUVESTER SIMPSON had made a telephone call from the jail and talked with [redacted] a voter registration worker, and a member of the SNCC at Holly Springs, Mississippi.

Miss PONDER stated that she talked to [redacted] SNCC worker at Greenwood, by phone on June 10, 1963, and [redacted] advised her that the SNCC Office was trying to telephonically contact BURKE MARSHALL of the Justice Department in Washington, D. C. She stated that [redacted] asked her to call the Justice Department and as such, she placed a telephone call on June 10, 1963, to the Justice Department in Washington.

She stated that she made this call from the Montgomery County Jail, Winona, Mississippi, and that she tried to place a collect call to the Justice Department. The operator advised her that the party on the other end of the line would not accept the collect call and she then gave the operator a Greenwood telephone number, GL 3-1282, to charge the call to. She stated this phone number is the phone number of the SNCC Headquarters, Greenwood, Mississippi.

She stated she made the call at about lunchtime, and finally was connected with a secretary in Mr. MARSHALL's office at the Justice Department and she advised her that Mr. MARSHALL was out to lunch and to call back in about an hour.

She stated that she was not able to make contact with the Justice Department again while in jail. She stated that on the night of June 10, 1963, that [redacted] came to the jail at Winona, Mississippi, to visit her at approximately 6:30 p.m.

She stated at the time they visited her she was not aware that her trial would be held the following morning. She stated that on this evening, very late that night, the Chief of Police and the MHP Officer came to the jail and woke her up to take photographs. She stated this is when she was advised that the trial would be held at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 11, 1963.

She stated that the following morning at about 9:00 am., she and the other victims all walked from the jail to the Winona City Hall with the exception of Mrs. HAMER. She stated that Mrs. HAMER was furnished a ride to the City Hall from the jail. She stated that at this trial there was approximately a group of 8-10 white men present in this office of the City Hall.

She stated that one of the members of this group read two affidavits to her. She stated that one of the affidavits was to the effect that she had created a disturbance and the other to the effect that she had resisted arrest. This individual asked Miss PONDER how did she plea and she stated "I plead not guilty."

She stated that the Chief of Police was called to testify at this trial and that this was when she found out he was actually the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police testified that he had been called to the bus station and that he had asked the victims to leave and that the victims had been disorderly and he then told them that they were all under arrest.

The Chief of Police stated at this trial that he had taken her to jail and that she had resisted entering the cell. She stated that after the Chief of Police testified she was allowed to speak in her own defense, at which time she stated that she was not placed under arrest until she went to obtain the license number of the MHP car. She stated that she told the court that she did not resist arrest. She stated that the court fined her \$65 on one charge and \$35 on the other charge.

She stated that after the trial was over she and the others were returned to jail and upon arrival at the jail she and the others were advised that \$200 bond had been set on each individual. She stated that the Greenwood group of the SNCC was attempting to obtain an appeal bond. She stated that she was not represented by counsel but the City Attorney was present during the trial. She stated that she did not ask for an attorney nor has she asked for a doctor since being incarcerated at the Montgomery County Jail in Winona, Mississippi. She advised that she did not know the other individuals who were present at her trial.

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She advised that she did not desire to furnish a signed statement at this time.

Miss PONDER furnished the following background data concerning herself:

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| Date of birth: | August 22, 1932 |
| Place of birth: | Henry County, Georgia |
| Height: | 5'4" |
| Weight: | 135 |
| Hair: | Black |
| Eyes: | Black |
| Complexion: | Dark |
| Nearest of kin: | Mrs. MARIE PONDER 1389 Lansing Street, S. E., Atlanta 15, Georgia |
| Education: | Clark College, Atlanta, Georgia, B. A. Degree; also attended Atlanta University School of Social Work, Atlanta, Georgia. |
| Present address: | 807 (rear) Miller Street Greenwood, Mississippi |

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ANNELL PONDER was contacted at Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Headquarters, Greenwood, Mississippi, at which time SAs LAWRENCE J. OLSON, SR., and ORVILLE V. JOHNSON made a physical inspection of the exposed areas of Miss PONDER. This inspection revealed that both of her eyes appeared to be bruised and she had "two black eyes." Miss PONDER's left eye appeared to have a large quantity of blood in it. These were the only visible bruises on Miss PONDER; however, she advised the Agents that her buttocks and back were bruised from blows delivered to her by law enforcement officers in Winona, Mississippi.

Color photographs as well as black and white photographs were made of Miss PONDER.

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JUNE ELIZABETH JOHNSON, 317 Noel Street, Greenwood, Mississippi, was interviewed at the Montgomery County Jail, Winona, Mississippi. She was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the investigation. She was advised that she did not have to make any statement but that any statement she made could be used in a court of law.

JOHNSON stated that she and a group of SNCC workers were returning from Charleston, South Carolina, to Greenwood, Mississippi, on the Trailways Bus and arrived at Winona, Mississippi, at approximately 9:50 a.m., Sunday morning, June 9, 1963, where they stopped at the Continental Trailways Bus Station. She advised that she, ANNELL PONDER, ROSIE MARY FREEMAN and JAMES WEST went into the cafe at the bus station and sat down. She stated she saw a highway patrolman and another policeman come into the restaurant, and they told them to get out of the cafe and go to the other side. She stated they all left the cafe and were standing around outside laughing and talking when ANNELL PONDER said, "Let's go and get the tag number of the highway patrol car." She stated they all walked behind the patrol car and a white man with a little girl in his arms went back inside the cafe and apparently told the police something, for they both came out and placed all of them under arrest. She stated they were then transported to the jail in the highway patrolman's car. She advised the highway patrolman asked ANNELL PONDER, "What did you come herefor? A demonstration?" and stated that PONDER said, "No." After that they were booked and all were placed in a cell but JOHNSON. She stated the highway patrolman slapped her in the face and that she fell to the floor, stumbling over a large object that was in the room. She stated that she looked up and saw three white men kicking her and that the youngest man, which she thought was a highway patrolman, hit her on the back of the head with a billy club.

She advised that she got up off the floor and was standing by the wall rubbing her head when the highway patrolman said, "Nigger, take your hand down. You aren't worth living." He further said, "You look just like a

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cotton picking slave." JOHNSON stated that when she got ready to go to her cell, someone kicked her through the door leading to the cells.

She stated a few minutes later the highway patrolman and a policeman wearing a blue shirt came into the cell, and the highway patrolman said, "Nigger, are you hurt? And you better not tell us no lie." She stated that she had been bleeding from a cut on her lip and there was blood on her dress. She stated that the highway patrolman told her to get up and wash the dress and by the time he got back, there had better not be a drop of blood on the dress. She stated that she did wash the dress and got all the blood out of it.

JOHNSON stated nothing else happened until Monday night when the highway patrolman came to the jail and took some pictures of the prisoners including herself. She stated that the highway patrolman said, "Nigger, when you get back to Greenwood, are you going to work with CORE?" JOHNSON said she told the highway patrolman that she had never worked with CORE. She advised the highway patrolman then told her, JUNE JOHNSON, to write a statement as to how she was treated and asked her if she saw anyone being beaten. She advised the highway patrolman told her to write as follows: "I wasn't hurt at the bus station or the jail and I am writing this of my own free will and without pressure." She advised she wrote as directed and signed her name.

JOHNSON stated that she went to the City Hall on Tuesday morning with the rest of the victims but stated that she was not tried when it was determined that she was only 15 years of age. She also stated that she was not required to make any plea in court. JOHNSON stated she did not see any of the other victims being beaten.

JOHNSON is described as follows:

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| Name | JUNE ELIZABETH JOHNSON |
| DOB | December 31, 1948 |
| POB | Greenwood, Mississippi |
| Race | Negro |
| Sex | Female |
| Height | 5' 10" |
| Weight | 142 pounds |
| Eyes | Black |
| Hair | Black |

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THEODORE JOHNSON and LULA BELL
JOHNSON, 317 Noel Street,
Greenwood, Mississippi

Occupation

Student, freshman - Broad Street
High School, Greenwood, Mississippi

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JUNE JOHNSON was contacted at Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Headquarters, Greenwood, Mississippi by SAs ORVILLE V. JOHNSON and LAWRENCE J. OLSON, SR. At this time, a physical inspection was made of the exposed area of Miss JOHNSON. During this inspection the Agents noted a slight cut approximately 1/2" long underneath the lower lip of Miss JOHNSON. The Agents noted a slight cut of approximately 1/2" in length on the back of her head. No other bruises or marks were noted.

Color photographs as well as black and white photographs were made of Miss JOHNSON at this time.

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ROSIE MARY FREEMAN, was interviewed at the Montgomery County Jail, Winona, Mississippi, and she was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, as well as the nature of instant investigation. She was advised that she did not have to make a statement; however, any statement she did make could be used in a court of law. Miss FREEMAN furnished the following information:

She was born [redacted] at a place near [redacted] Mississippi. She now resides at [redacted] Mississippi. She is a senior at Amanda Elzy School.

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On the morning of June 9, 1963, she was en route from Charleston, South Carolina, to Greenwood, Mississippi, traveling via Continental Trailways Bus. She and nine other Negroes from around the Greenwood area had been attending a workshop at Charleston. She and her companions are all active members of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

According to her recollection, it was about 9:50 a.m., when the bus arrived at the Trailways Bus Station at Winona, Mississippi. She and three of her friends, JAMES WEST, ANNELL PONDER, and JUNE JOHNSON, got off the bus and walked into the bus station cafe. They entered the cafe through the front door. She and her three companions proceeded to the lunch counter where they each sat down. As she approached the counter, she noticed a Mississippi Highway Patrolman and a police officer standing near the rest room doors.

She described the Highway Patrolman as being 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighing 160 pounds, hair dark brown, age about 40.

She described the police officer as 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing 150 pounds, and about 50 years of age. He was wearing a white shirt, black trousers, badge and gun. She does not know what law enforcement agency he is connected with but she assumed he was a Winona City Policeman or possibly a Sheriff's Deputy. She stated she would be able to

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recognize either one of them should she ever see them again.

They had just sat down at the lunch counter when the officer wearing the white shirt walked up to them and touched her on the back. The officer told her that the "colored" cafe was on the outside. She and the rest of her companions immediately got up and returned to the bus via the front door of the cafe. They stood near the door of the bus for a few minutes discussing the situation, and she and her companions walked to the vicinity of a car which she recognized as being a Mississippi Highway Patrol car. It was white in color, the make was unknown to her, but it looked to be a fairly recent model car. She and her companions went to the back of the car to look at the license tag and as they started back to the bus, the two officers whom she had seen in the bus station came out of the bus station. The officer wearing the white shirt told them that they were under arrest. The Highway Patrolman then told them to get into the back seat of the patrol car. EUVESTER SIMPSON, a member of her group, had also gotten off the bus and walked over to the vicinity of the Patrol car. She too was arrested and ordered into the back seat of the automobile. When they were sitting in the back of the Mississippi Highway Patrol car, Mrs. FANNIE HAMER got off the bus and approached the Patrol car. Mrs. HAMER was carrying an electric iron in her hand. The iron belonged to ANNELL PONDER and Mrs. HAMER asked what she should do with the iron and should the remainder of the group that was not arrested proceed on to Greenwood or to stay in Winona. ANNELL told Mrs. HAMER to go on to Greenwood. As the Highway Patrol car drove off, the Patrolman shouted out the window (indicating Mrs. HAMER) to "get that one too."

The Highway Patrolman drove the car to the Montgomery County Jail and Mrs. HAMER arrived in another car at just about the same time. She and her companions were placed in a room which had a desk, electric freezer, and a large copper pot of some sort. There were about five or six white men in this room also. Among these five or six white men, were the two officers who had arrested them and brought them to the jail and about four other white men.

At this time, the door to the room where the interview was being conducted was opened and EARL WAYNE PATRIDGE, Sheriff, Montgomery County, stepped into the room and said something to the effect that he did not know the room was still occupied and immediately left the room and shut the door. Miss FREEMAN said that she recognized Sheriff PATRIDGE as being one of the persons present in the room when she and her companions were brought to the jail. Miss FREEMAN said that she did not know the jailer's name but he was also present when the group was brought to the jail. She did not recall well enough to describe the other white men who were present at this time, other than the fact that one of them was rather tall, his height being perhaps 5 feet 9 to 11 inches tall.

Miss FREEMAN stated that she would recognize most of these men should she be able to see them again.

There were two white prisoners looking out of their cell into the room which was occupied by her group. The officers asked the girls for their purses, which they took. As they were picking up the purses, the officers "cussed" at them. Then she and ANNELL PONDER were locked in a small cell and most of her companions were also placed in cells. She was sitting on a bed in the cell for a few minutes when she heard JUNE JOHNSON crying. It sounded to her like JUNE was in the big room that she had just left. She could not see from her cell into the big room but she could hear quite well what was going on in the room. She could hear a noise that sounded like "licks." She heard this noise some 10 or 12 times and during the time she heard JUNE JOHNSON crying. The noise stopped and JUNE JOHNSON was brought into her cell.

JUNE was bleeding from a gash on the back of her head and from a cut under her lip. JUNE's dress was bloody on the collar in the back and down the front of her dress. When they brought JUNE in, they took ANNELL out. JUNE at this time told her that she had better start praying because she would get hers too. ANNELL disappeared from sight, going into the big room. She could hear ANNELL holler and the noise like "licks" being struck, going on for about 15 minutes off and on. She could hear the white man in the big room telling ANNELL

to say "Yes sir" and when ANNELL would not answer them, she could hear the sound of a lick being struck.

Then the Mississippi Highway Patrolman came into the cell. A couple of officers whom she did not recognize were in the doorway behind him. The Highway Patrolman started questioning her. He asked her why did she go to South Carolina. He asked her if she went there to demonstrate. He asked her if she did not know better than to go into a cafe for whites. Miss FREEMAN at this time pointed out that she customarily wears a scarf on her head and the scarf wraps around her neck as well. She was wearing such a scarf when the Patrolman was questioning her. The Highway Patrolman grabbed hold of the scarf where it wrapped around her neck and pulled it, asking her again why she went to South Carolina. He then gave her a shove which pushed her into the corner of the cell. He told her not to lie to him. He said, "Nigger, do you know what you need?" She said, "No, sir." He said, "You need your damn ass beat." He then released her and walked out of the cell.

The officers went to the next cell where they talked to Mrs. HAMER. After talking to Mrs. HAMER for a couple of minutes, they took her out into the big room where she could hear the noise that sounded like "licks" that continued for about ten minutes during which time she heard Mrs. HAMER holler, "Oh, God, Lord have mercy," and then they took Mrs. HAMER back to her cell. She saw the officers take EUVESTER out of her cell but EUVESTER was brought back in a very few minutes and while EUVESTER was gone, she did not hear any screams or cries and did not hear any noises like "licks" being struck.

Miss FREEMAN stated that she was not whipped nor in any way physically abused during the time that she has been in the Winona County Jail. She stated that she could not see the other people in her group being abused. She could only hear noises which indicated to her that these companions of hers were being beaten and she could observe the condition of some of her companions as they returned from the big room and this led her also to believe that these people had been beaten. She further stated that she does not know who was actually responsible for the beatings which took place. She does not know if any other people in addition to her group were beaten or in any way abused while she was confined at the Winona Jail.

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Miss FREEMAN declined to furnish a signed statement regarding this matter but indicated that she might possibly consider furnishing a signed statement upon her release from jail.

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

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| Race: | Negro |
| Sex: | Female |
| Height: | 5 feet 11 inches |
| Weight: | 165 pounds |
| Complexion: | Dark |
| Hair: | Black |
| Eyes: | Black. |

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On June 12, 1963, a physical inspection was made of the exposed areas of ROSIE MARY FREEMAN by SAs LAWRENCE J. OLSON, SR., and ORVILLE V. JOHNSON. During this inspection, no bruises, cuts or lacerations were noted on Miss FREEMAN.

Color photographs as well as black and white photographs were made of Miss FREEMAN.

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EUVESTER SIMPSON, residence address [redacted] Mississippi, was interviewed at the Montgomery County Jail, Winona, Mississippi, and immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, as well as the nature of instant investigation. She was advised that any information she furnished would be voluntary on her part and that the information may be used in a court of law.

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EUVESTER SIMPSON stated she is [redacted] and was born [redacted] Mississippi. She advised that she and approximately ten other individuals had recently been to Charleston, South Carolina, to attend a meeting of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) workers. She advised that she and the other workers were returning to Greenwood, Mississippi, via Trailways bus on June 9, 1963, and arrived in Winona, Mississippi, at approximately 10:00 A.M. Upon their arrival the bus driver, whose identity she did not know, advised all of the passengers that they would have a fifteen minute break at Winona, Mississippi. **SIMPSON** said she and **RUTH DAYS** got off the bus to go to the ladies room. The bus at that time was parked directly in front of the Trailways Bus Station, Winona, Mississippi. She and **RUTH DAYS** walked into the cafe located in the same building as the bus station and started to the ladies room. She advised that they saw a police officer in uniform standing near the ladies room and she advised that she believes that he was a patrolman for the police department at Winona, Mississippi. She described this man as being White, 30 to 35 years old, 5 feet 8 to ten inches, 170 pounds, dark brown hair, color of eyes unknown, and was dressed in "greyish blue trousers and grey shirt."

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SIMPSON reiterated that this police officer was standing in front of the door to the ladies room and he said "Keep straight on through." **SIMPSON** said she asked him why and he replied that the colored cafe was just around the corner. **SIMPSON** said she and **RUTH DAYS** continued walking and walked out the rear door of the cafe and the police officer showed them where the cafe that he was talking about was located. **SIMPSON** said she and **DAYS** went into a cafe which she determined to be the Negro cafe and told the waitress who was a Negro,

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name unknown, that they wanted to use the wash room. SIMPSON said this individual directed them to a ladies room located in the waiting room of the Trailways Bus Station. She said she and RUTH DAYS walked down to the waiting room of the Trailways Bus Station and went into the ladies room in that area. SIMPSON advised that she and DAYS then walked through the waiting room, out the front of the bus station and got back on the bus. After she was on the bus she saw ANNELL PONDER, JUNE JOHNSON, JAMES WEST and ROSEMARY FREEMAN, all SNCC workers who had traveled from Charleston, South Carolina, to Winona, Mississippi, with her standing just outside of the bus. She said she got off the bus alone and walked over to where they were standing. She said she asked them what they were waiting for. ANNELL PONDER told her that they had been in the cafe sitting down and a police officer asked them to leave the cafe. According to SIMPSON, PONDER further advised her that they merely got up and left the cafe upon the police officer's request.

ANNELL PONDER further stated that she was waiting for the bus driver to come out of the cafe. She did not relate why she was waiting for the bus driver. SIMPSON said about this time ANNELL PONDER walked over to behind a patrol car which was parked near the bus station. SIMPSON said she does not know why PONDER walked over behind the patrol car. According to SIMPSON, this patrol car was black in color, fairly new, but she could not give the make of the automobile. She said there was some type of emblem on it, probably denoting to which police officer it belonged, but she said she did not take time to read the printing on the emblem. She was under the impression that it was a patrol car from the Winona Police Department.

SIMPSON said about this time she had seen a White man, name and identity unknown, walk into the cafe at the bus station and she said she watched this individual and saw him go over and talk to the police officer whom she had previously seen inside the cafe. She could not hear what this man said to the police officer. She advised a few seconds later the same police officer came out and told her as well as ANNELL PONDER, JUNE JOHNSON, JAMES WEST and ROSEMARY FREEMAN that they were under arrest, but gave no reason for the arrest. According to SIMPSON, none of the individuals arrested made any statements or at least she could not recall any statements made by any person. The officer told them to get into the squad car and SIMPSON said the five arrested got into the squad car voluntarily. All got in the back seat.

SIMPSON related that FANNIE HAMER was on the bus at the time and evidently saw them getting into the squad car. SIMPSON said HAMER got off of the bus and came over and asked ANNELL PONDER if she, PONDER, wanted her and the rest of the group to stay in Winona or to go on to Greenwood, Mississippi. PONDER advised her that they should go on. SIMPSON said at that time the five individuals that were arrested were in the squad car and the patrolman that arrested them was also in the squad car. She advised that there was another man in the front seat with the patrolman. She advised that about this time the patrolman called to another White man whom she can describe and cannot identify and told him to "Get her and bring her on down." SIMPSON said that the patrolman was referring to HAMER. She advised that the individual whom the patrolman was talking to was possibly in uniform, but she said she cannot recall definitely whether he was or whether he was not. SIMPSON reiterated that she does not know the identity of the other officer who was in the car, cannot describe him and advised she would not recognize him if she saw him again. She said these two officers took her and the other four persons in the car to the Montgomery County Jail. She said HAMER arrived with the other officer shortly after they got to the jail.

They were taken to a small room in the front of the jail and SIMPSON said there were four or five White men present at the time. She said the patrolman which originally arrested her and who was in uniform was there, but advised she does not recall seeing any other person in uniform. According to SIMPSON these men called them "Niggers" and were swearing and cursing."

EUVESTER SIMPSON related that other than the patrolman which arrested her the only other man at the jail at the time of their arrival whom she knows the identity of is the jailer of the Montgomery County Jail. She said she does not know this man by name, but knows that he is the jailer. She said the only other man whom she can describe is a man approximately 45 to 50 years old, White, 5 feet 6 inches tall, has gray hair, weighs 150 to 160 pounds, medium build, and was wearing a light shirt and dark trousers. SIMPSON said she believes that this individual had on a brown straw hat and was wearing a gun. She said she could identify him should she see him again. She advised that she could not describe any other person present at the time and would not be able to identify any other person.

EUVESTER SIMPSON continued by relating that the patrolman started putting all of the individuals arrested in various cells at the Montgomery County Jail with the exception of JUNE JOHNSON. She related she and ANNELL PONDER were put in a cell together, but the door to the cell was not locked at the time. She advised shortly thereafter FANNIE HAMER came into the same cell with them. One of the officers, identity unknown, came over to the cell and told them that one would have to get in another cell. SIMPSON said ANNELL PONDER then walked into the next cell. Shortly thereafter the door to the cell was locked. SIMPSON said she then heard someone "yell out" and she believed it was JUNE JOHNSON. She advised she could not see JUNE JOHNSON at the time, but believes one of the officers was questioning JUNE, but she said she could not hear what they were saying. SIMPSON said she heard five or six different noises which she believed to be "licks or blows" and she said she believed that the officers were beating JOHNSON at the time. She said she could hear an individual whom she believed to be JOHNSON call out but she could not recall what this individual was saying. She advised shortly thereafter JUNE JOHNSON was brought to the cell next to the cell she was in, but advised she did not get to talk to her. She said she observed JUNE JOHNSON as she passed by her cell and JOHNSON was put in the cell with ROSEMARY FREEMAN. SIMPSON said the officers asked FREEMAN at this time where she had been and FREEMAN said to South Carolina. SIMPSON did not know the identity of the officers asking the questions. She recalls that the officer asked FREEMAN if she had gone to South Carolina to demonstrate and FREEMAN replied no. FREEMAN advised the officer that they had been to a "workshop."

According to SIMPSON, the officers whom she still could not identify then took ANNELL PONDER out of one of the cells. SIMPSON said she could hear the officers trying to get PONDER to say yes sir and she would not say it. She said she believes that some of the officers hit PONDER during this time. She arrived at this conclusion by stating that she heard some noises which she believed were blows and as the blows were struck she heard ANNELL PONDER call out. She recalls PONDER saying "God, forgive them" and she also recalls PONDER saying "Please let me go and stop beating me." SIMPSON said she saw the officers bring PONDER back to the cell and PONDER's mouth was bleeding at the time, her hair was on the top of her head, and her dress was torn about the waist and on one of the sleeves.

According to SIMPSON, PONDER was moaning at the time, but she did not say anything to SIMPSON.

SIMPSON continued by relating that the patrolman which originally arrested her and two other officers then came to the cell she was in. She advised that she cannot identify or describe the two officers with the patrolman at this time. She said she could possibly recognize one of them if she saw him again, but said she cannot describe him. SIMPSON said these officers started asking her and HAMER where they lived and some other questions which she could not recall. She recalled them asking if they had been to South Carolina and she and HAMER replied that they had been there. The patrolman asked HAMER if she were a member of the NAACP. HAMER replied no. SIMPSON said the officers left the cell, but returned in approximately four or five minutes and took HAMER from the cell. She said shortly thereafter she heard someone call out and believed that it was HAMER. She related that she could not see HAMER at the time, but heard noises to indicate that the officers were beating her. She said HAMER was returned to her cell in approximately five minutes. SIMPSON said after the officers had left HAMER showed her her hands and her buttocks. According to SIMPSON, there were several welts on HAMER's buttocks and her hands were swollen and blue. SIMPSON said that HAMER made no other remarks about what had happened to her.

SIMPSON continued by advising that after a short period of time some of the officers came to the cell where she was. One officer, whom she says she cannot describe, told her to come out of the cell. She advised that she was taken to another cell in the Montgomery County Jail and as she walked in saw two Negro men. SIMPSON said she then made the statement "So I see they got you doing the dirty work." She said she then asked the two Negro men what she was supposed to do. They advised her to lie down on the bunk which was in the cell. SIMPSON said she believes that these two Negro men were inmates of the Montgomery County Jail. She said she did not know either of them by name and could only describe one of them. She said he was approximately 21 to 22 years old, five feet eight inches tall, 160 pounds, dark brown skin. She said she could not recall any further description of this individual, but believes that she could identify him. She related she could not describe or identify

the other Negro present at the time. SIMPSON continued by advising that she asked the men if she should lie down on her stomach or her back. One replied either way. According to SIMPSON, the White man who originally got her out of the cell was standing near the door to the cell she was in at that time. About this time this White man told her to come on out of the cell. She said she got up off the bunk and walked out. SIMPSON said she believes that the Negro man whom she has previously described, had a strap in his hand, but she says she did not pay any attention to it and cannot furnish any description of that strap. She stated that she was not hit and they took her back to the cell which she had originally come from. SIMPSON reiterated that no one struck her or mistreated her prior to the time she was interviewed. She further advised that she did not personally witness any officer mistreating or striking any of the other persons arrested, but she said she heard noises which indicated that officers whipped FANNIE HAMER, ANNELL PONDER, JUNE JOHNSON and JAMES WEST. SIMPSON advised that she has no information to indicate that LAWRENCE GUYOT was beaten by the officers.

EUVESTER SIMPSON related that all of the above information is true and correct to the best of her knowledge and stated she would testify to it at any time in the future. She advised, however, that she did not wish to give a written statement as long as she was in the custody of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

The following description was obtained by personal interview and observation:

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| Name | EUVESTER SIMPSON |
| Race | Negro |
| Age | |
| Date of Birth | |
| | Mississippi |
| Height | 5' 5" |
| Weight | 110 |
| Hair | Black |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Complexion | Light brown |
| Marital Status | Single |
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| Education | High school graduate |

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On June 12, 1963, a physical inspection was made of the exposed areas of EUVESTER SIMPSON by SAs LAWRENCE J. OLSON, SR., and ORVILLE V. JOHNSON. During this inspection no bruises, cuts or lacerations were noted on Miss SIMPSON.

Color photographs as well as black and white photographs were made of Miss SIMPSON.

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FANNIE HAMER, residence Ruleville, Mississippi, was interviewed at the Montgomery County Jail, Winona, Mississippi, and immediately advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents as well as the nature of instant investigation. She was advised that any information she furnished would be voluntary on her part and that the information may be used in a court of law.

FANNIE HAMER stated that she did not wish to make any statements whatsoever or furnish any information to Agents of the FBI until she had been released from the Montgomery County Jail. She indicated that she was afraid to make any statements. In view of the above, the interview with Mrs. HAMER was discontinued.

The following description was obtained by personal observation:

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| Name: | FANNIE HAMER |
| Sex: | Female |
| Race: | Negro |
| Age: | 45 |
| Height: | 5'5" |
| Weight: | 160 |
| Complexion: | Dark brown |
| Build: | Stocky |
| Scars & marks: | On left side of forehead a knot approximately 1" in diameter which she stated she has had for a period of time. |

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FANNIE HAMER, residence Ruleville, Mississippi, was contacted at Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Headquarters, Greenwood, Mississippi. Mrs. HAMER stated at this time that she did not wish to be interviewed by Agents of the FBI at that time. The interviewing Agents inquired when it would be convenient for the Agents to meet Mrs. HAMER in order that she might be interviewed and what place would be most convenient for her. Mrs. HAMER advised she would meet the Agents at SNCC Headquarters, Greenwood, Mississippi, at 10:00 a.m., June 13, 1963, and at that time would either furnish the Agents the information she has regarding this matter or would advise them that she desired to make no statement.

During this interview the interviewing Agents made an examination of the exposed area of Mrs. HAMER. It was noted that her left forearm and the palms of her hands were bruised. No other bruises were visible. Mrs. HAMER advised that her buttocks and back area were bruised and she was complaining about her back and buttocks injuries. She advised that she intended to go [redacted] on that afternoon and advised she had no objection [redacted] releasing the results of her examination to the FBI.

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Color photographs as well as black and white photographs were made of Mrs. HAMER during this interview.

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At 10:00 a.m., June 13, 1963, SAs LAWRENCE J. OLSON, SR., and ORVILLE V. JOHNSON went to Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Headquarters, Greenwood, Mississippi, to keep an appointment with Mrs. FANNIE HAMER. Mrs. HAMER was not at SNCC Headquarters and the Agents waited for her for approximately 25 minutes. Inquiries were made at SNCC Headquarters for Mrs. HAMER but no one had seen her on that date. [redacted] SNCC worker, advised that Mrs. HAMER lives at Ruleville, Mississippi, and no doubt did not have a ride to Greenwood, Mississippi, on that morning. [redacted] stated that she would go get Mrs. HAMER and bring her to SNCC Headquarters in order that she might be interviewed. Arrangements were made [redacted] to meet Mrs. HAMER on the afternoon of June 13, 1963, in order that she might be interviewed.

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At approximately 1:40 p.m., June 13, 1963, SAs OLSON and JOHNSON returned to SNCC Headquarters, Greenwood, to meet and interview Mrs. HAMER and at that time, [redacted] [redacted] advised that Mrs. HAMER and ANNELL PONDER left for Atlanta, Georgia, on the evening of June 12, 1963, and could be contacted through the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) at 334 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

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[redacted] Howard Clinic, Winona, Mississippi, was advised of the nature of the inquiry. He was advised that any information he might furnish could be used in a court of law.

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[redacted] advised that he was called at approximately 9:30 p.m., on Monday night, June 10, 1963, by Mayor M. C. BILLINGSLEY of Winona, Mississippi. He said he went to the Montgomery County Jail as a response to this telephonic call. At the jail he met the Chief of Police of the Winona Police Department, the Sheriff of Montgomery County, and the Deputy Sheriff of Montgomery County. They took him in to see LAWRENCE GUYOT, a male Negro, approximately 23 years of age, who was incarcerated at the Montgomery County Jail. [redacted] advised that he glanced at his watch before he began to examine GUYOT and ascertained that his examination began at approximately 9:45 p.m. At the outset of his examination, he noted that GUYOT was asleep and was sleeping on his left side. He woke him up and asked him if he had any specific complaint. GUYOT told him that his head hurt and he was then examined. His blood pressure was normal and his pupils were normal. An examination of the prisoner's face disclosed that there was a very small bruise below the right eye and it was described as a slight ecchymosis which he estimated to be 1½ days old. He then asked him if he had any other complaints and GUYOT told him that he was passing blood from both of his ears. [redacted] immediately examined each ear of GUYOT and found absolutely no rupture of either eardrum and there was no sign of blood having been in either ear. [redacted] pointed out that it would be impossible for GUYOT to have passed blood from either ear without there being some type of blood dried up in the ear.

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GUYOT was asked of other complaints he might have and he said that he had a pain in his neck. At that time, [redacted] had GUYOT take off his shirt. He noted that there was a large bruise on the posture right chest. There were no lacerations whatsoever on his back. GUYOT was asked [redacted] how he got the bruise and GUYOT said that he had rather not tell him. [redacted] stated that from the condition of the bruise he would estimate that it was more than a day old. [redacted] explained that GUYOT was able to

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talk, walk, and see and he saw nothing more physically wrong with him. He prescribed three tablets of methadon giving GUYOT one tablet at that time and leaving two tablets with the Montgomery County Jailer to be administered every four hours if needed for pain.

[] added that it is his usual practice to make a written record of any examination similar to the one he had made of GUYOT, but that he has been so busy since his examination of GUYOT he has not had opportunity to prepare such a written report.

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[] advised that he heard from a source which he had rather not disclose that actually GUYOT had not been hurt while he was in Winona, Mississippi, but that he had been hurt in a juke joint or beer joint in the Mississippi Delta having been liquored up and having fallen out of an automobile. [] pointed out that this was merely hearsay and he was passing it on for what investigative assistance it might be to the inquiring Agents.

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Mississippi, furnished the following information:

On June 12, 1963, she examined FANNIE LOU HAMER and ANNELL PONDER. Both HAMER and PONDER instructed her to make available the results of her examinations of them. At this time, [redacted] made available her medical records concerning patients HAMER and PONDER.

A review of the medical record of FANNIE LOU HAMER reflected the following information: Age, 45; sex, female; address, 626 E. Lafayette. Patient advised she was beaten with blackjack while in jail at Winona, Mississippi. One plainclothesman beat her on the head with his fist. She began having blackouts intermittently. Patient also advised she was kicked by police. Examination of patient revealed buttocks blue and black all over, down to knees. Indurated inflamed hard places at buttocks creases. Bluish discoloration of left arm - hands same. Patients urine is clear. Neurological negative. Pupils equal. Blood pressure 140 over 90. No visible head injuries. Prescription, oral varidaness, darvon compound and hot compresses. Diagnoses: severe bruises and massive hematoma of buttocks.

A review of the medical record of ANNELL PONDER reflected the following information: Age, 30. Patient advised police and state patrol beat her at jail in Winona with billy clubs, belts and fists. Three beat her ten minutes off and on. Also one not in uniform. One hit her in the stomach and menstruation started earlier. Examination of patient PONDER revealed left eye bloodshot and darkened. Right eye slightly dark. Outer surface of whole right thigh bruised and swollen. Some welts on upper back. One tooth near cracked. Pupils equal. Blood pressure 120 over 80. Neurological negative. Urine clear. Prescription, Edrinol, cold packs and darvon compound. Diagnoses: severe bruises and massive hematoma of left forehead, left eye and right buttocks.

[redacted] advised that no photographs were taken of the patients at the time of their examinations. She said she was going to examine JUNE JOHNSON but as yet no appointment has been arranged.

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Mayor M. C. BILLINGSLEY, Winona, Mississippi, was contacted at the City Hall and advised of the nature of the investigation and the identity of the interviewing Agent. Mayor BILLINGSLEY made available affidavits which set out the following charges against victims JAMES WEST, EUVESTER SIMPSON, FANNIE HAMER, ROSIE MARY FREEMAN and ANNELL PONDER. One affidavit charged that victims did willfully and unlawfully disturb the peace by disorderly conduct at the cafe [redacted] on Highway 51 in Winona, Mississippi, by breach of peace and in a restaurant with intent to provoke a breach of peace and failing and refusing to disperse or move on when so ordered by law enforcement officer of the said city and county against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi.

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The second affidavit charging the above-named victims stated as follows: That on or about the ninth day of June, 1963, in the County of Montgomery and State of Mississippi and in said City of Winona, Mississippi, did willfully and unlawfully resist arrest by a lawful officer of the said city and county lawfully attempting to arrest him or her against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi.

The third affidavit charged that LAWRENCE GUYOT on or about the ninth day of June, 1963, in the county and state aforesaid and in said city of Winona, Mississippi, did willfully and unlawfully disturb the peace by cursing the said T. J. HEROD, Police Chief, with loud profane and abusive language in the City of Winona, Mississippi.

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[redacted] residence address [redacted]
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Bus Depot, Winona, Mississippi, and immediately advised
of the identities of the interviewing Agents, as well as
the nature of instant investigation. She was advised that
any information she furnished would be voluntary on her
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[redacted] advised that she [redacted]
the Trailways Bus Depot, Winona, Mississippi, and the
[redacted] Staley's Cafe, located in the same
building as the bus depot. [redacted] advised that she
did not wish to make any statements regarding inquiries
being made by the interviewing Agents except in the presence
of her attorney [redacted] stated that
[redacted] was presently out of town and therefore she
did not wish to continue the interview with the Agents.
In view of this request, the interview with [redacted]
was discontinued at that time.

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[redacted] residence address [redacted] Winona, Mississippi, was interviewed at the Trailways Bus Station, Winona, Mississippi, in the presence of her attorney [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents as well as the nature of instant investigation. She was further advised that any information she furnished would be voluntary on her part and that the information may be used in a court of law. [redacted] stated based on a request of her attorney, [redacted] she wanted it in the record that she was making a request for a copy of the information furnished to the interviewing Agents.

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[redacted] related she is [redacted] the Trailways Bus Depot, Winona, Mississippi, and [redacted] Staley's Cafe, located in the same building as the bus depot. She advised that her husband is deceased.

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[redacted] advised that she has received no notification whatsoever that is either written or verbal that the Interstate Commerce Commission has classified the Staley Restaurant as an integral part of the Interstate Terminal in Winona, Mississippi. [redacted] related she was not aware of this ruling prior to instant interview.

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[redacted] continued by advising that she was on duty at the Trailways Bus Station, Winona, Mississippi, on June 9, 1963. She pointed out however that she has a number of duties and is extremely busy most of the time. She pointed out that most of these duties keep her confined in the office of the bus depot, and she has very little opportunity to observe what is going on around the bus station or in her cafe located next door. [redacted] advised she believes that the bus on which the victims were riding arrived in Winona, Mississippi, at approximately 10:50 A.M. She says she does not recall seeing any of the victims depart from the bus and has no information regarding their activities during the time they were in the vicinity of the bus station or in the vicinity of the Staley Cafe. She said the first thing that was called to her attention denoting that anything whatsoever was out of the ordinary was that the bus driver, name and identity unknown, of the bus which the victims had been on came to her when the bus was ready to depart and said

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he needed another call, inasmuch as he was short several passengers. [] pointed out that the bus had been in the station approximately 20 to 25 minutes at the time. She advised that she announced over the loudspeaker that the bus was loaded and departing for Greenwood, Mississippi. She said she looked around for the passengers but did not see any. She advised that the missing passengers did not report, and the bus departed en route to Greenwood, Mississippi, without them.

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[] reiterated that she does not recall and does not believe that she saw the victims during the time they were at the bus station or in Staley's Cafe. She says she has no personal knowledge whatsoever of any of their activities during this time. She says she did not make a telephone call to any law enforcement agency and request their assistance. She further advised that none of her employees made such a call, and she related if a call was made she does not know of the identity of the person making that call. [] went on to state that she did not witness the arrest of the victims and did not witness any of the activities of any police officer at the Trailways Bus Station on the morning of June 9, 1963.

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[] identified [] in Staley's Cafe on the morning of June 9, 1963. She also advised that [] was employed [] on that morning. [] said she had no objection to having these individuals interviewed.

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[] further related that there are no signs at the bus station denoting segregation. She advised that she has no objection to having photographs made of any area surrounding the bus station or the Staley Cafe.

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On June 11, 1963, SAs LAWRENCE J. OLSON, SR., and ORVILLE V. JOHNSON made a physical inspection of the Trailways Bus Station and the Staley Cafe in Winona, Mississippi. This inspection revealed no signs denoting any type of segregation at either the bus station or Staley's Cafe. The restrooms in the bus station as well as the cafe denoted only that it was either a ladies' or men's restroom and contained no other designation. The Agents did note that there was a room on the southeast corner of the Staley Cafe which appeared to be the portion of the cafe used by Negroes.

Photographs of the Trailways Bus Station and Staley's Cafe were made on June 11, 1963.

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THOMAS HODGES, Fire Chief, Winona, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and also advised of the nature of the investigation. Mr. HODGES stated that he was on duty at the Winona Fire Station on June 9, 1963, and that about 10:00 a.m. he received a telephone call from a woman who did not give her name and whose identity is unknown to him. He stated this woman said that there was trouble at the bus station. HODGES stated that this call came from a pay phone. He advised that he immediately called Chief of Police THOMAS HEROD at his home and told him that some woman had called and stated that there was trouble at the bus station. HODGES stated that he had no knowledge what the trouble was about and stated that he just answers calls on the Highway Patrol and city radio when he is on duty at the fire station. HODGES stated that no radio or phone log is maintained. He advised that he has no additional knowledge pertaining to this matter.

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On June 11, 1963, [redacted] Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Headquarters, Greenwood, Mississippi, was contacted and requested the addresses of four members of that group that had remained on the bus at Winona, Mississippi, and had not been detained. [redacted] advised that they were BERNARD WASHINGTON, RUTH DAYE, [redacted]. He advised that both [redacted] resided in [redacted] Mississippi, and that RUTH DAYE resided at [redacted] Mississippi. BERNARD WASHINGTON resided in [redacted] Mississippi.

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[redacted] stated that he would contact these individuals and have them at SNCC Headquarters at 1:00 p.m., June 12, 1963.

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On June 12, 1963, at 2:00 p.m., only BERNARD WASHINGTON was available for interview at the SNCC Headquarters. The other individuals were not there. [redacted] SNCC, Greenwood, Mississippi, advised that he would contact the individuals, i. e., DAYE, [redacted] and have them at SNCC Headquarters without fail at 9:00 a.m., on June 13, 1963.

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On June 13, 1963, attempts to contact the aforementioned individuals were made at the SNCC Headquarters, Greenwood, Mississippi, and [redacted] advised that he had been told by [redacted], an official of the SNCC, that he was not to get DAYE, [redacted] for the FBI, that it was not the job of the SNCC to get these people for the FBI to interview.

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On June 12 and 13, 1963, unsuccessful attempts were made both at [redacted] Mississippi, to locate the individuals mentioned previously. At [redacted] Mississippi, [redacted] a local farmer, advised inquiring Agents that he knew both [redacted] and that it was his opinion that both of them were at this time in Jackson, Mississippi.

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OURDAY BERNARD WASHINGTON, [redacted]

[redacted] Mississippi, was interviewed at the Headquarters of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in Greenwood, Mississippi. WASHINGTON advised as follows:

He stated that he and 9 other individuals attended a Highlander Community and Development Workshop at Charleston, South Carolina, and that they had departed Charleston, South Carolina, at approximately 11:45 a.m., June 8, 1963. They were traveling via Continental Trailways bus. He stated that they arrived in Columbus, Mississippi, at approximately 6:15 a.m., June 9, 1963, and all 10 of them who had attended the Highlander Community and Development Workshop in Charleston, South Carolina, went into the waiting room formerly reserved for only white people. They also went into the cafe in the bus station and they found that they had the entire run of the bus station and were permitted to use the restrooms in the bus station and also they were waited on in the cafe in the bus station.

WASHINGTON stated that after the 10 of them had been waited on at the lunch counter and had all gone to the restrooms, he noted that three policemen, which he believes to have been officers of the Columbus Police Department, showed up in the bus depot. All three policemen talked to the ticket agent. The policemen did not say one word or address one remark to any of the members of his group. The group then left at approximately 10:45 a.m., and traveled to Winona, Mississippi. He was asleep when the bus arrived at Winona, Mississippi, and awoke as they were pulling into the bus terminal.

The first thing he observed outside of the bus was a Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) car parked in the vicinity of the bus terminal. Two of the group departed the bus. They were EUVESTER SIMPSON and RUTH DAYE. They were also followed shortly thereafter by ANNELL PONDER, JUNE JOHNSON, ROSIE MARY FREEMAN, and JAMES WEST. He then glanced out of the window and saw JAMES WEST and the others standing outside by the Continental Trailways Bus. He believes that RUTH DAYE then got back on the bus and was seated. Mrs. HAMER said that she was going to get off the bus and see why the others were not getting back on the bus. She got off the

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bus and about this time the bus driver closed the door to the bus and the bus pulled away from the bus terminal at Winona, Mississippi. WASHINGTON advised that as the bus left he tried to look back at the group standing beside the bus terminal but he was unable to observe them and he does not know what happened to them.

He explained that after he arrived in Greenwood, Mississippi, he talked by telephone to headquarters of the SNCC in Greenwood, Mississippi, and advised that headquarters that evidently there had been some difficulty in Winona, Mississippi, and that 6 of their members had not been on the bus when it departed. WASHINGTON stated that he was unable to describe the difficulties experienced by the group as he had no knowledge of the difficulties.

WASHINGTON stated that he preferred not to furnish a signed statement relative to the information he had furnished the investigating Agents but stated that he would testify to it in a court of law.

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Sheriff H. F. SANDERS, Carroll County, Carrollton, Mississippi, was interviewed at his office, Carroll County Courthouse, at which time he was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and also the nature of the investigation. Sheriff SANDERS advised that LAWRENCE GUYOT was no longer incarcerated in the Carroll County Jail as the Chief of Police of Winona, Mississippi, THOMAS HEROD, had picked up GUYOT on the afternoon of June 10, 1963, and returned him to Winona, Mississippi. Sheriff SANDERS advised that he talked to GUYOT briefly on June 10, 1963, and asked him about some bruises he allegedly had on his body. He stated GUYOT told him that he had received the bruises when he fell out of a car. He stated GUYOT made no complaints to him and did not ask for a doctor.

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HAROLD FISHER SANDERS, Sheriff of Carroll County, Carrollton, Mississippi, was advised of the nature of the inquiry, that he did not have to answer questions, that any statement made by him could be used against him in court, and that he could consult an attorney before answering questions. SANDERS advised as follows:

On the night of June 9, 1963, SANDERS received a number of telephone calls regarding a LAWRENCE GUYOT. SANDERS did not know the identity of the persons calling nor did he know LAWRENCE GUYOT. One person asked if GUYOT had lost an eye and had a broken leg. In view of all the phone calls he had received, SANDERS decided to visit the jail on the morning of June 10, 1963, to determine the basis for all of the telephone calls he had received. SANDERS did not wish to have any trouble start in his jail and he wanted to determine whether or not the prisoner referred to as LAWRENCE GUYOT was still in jail and the basis for his being in the Carroll County Jail.

SANDERS went to the jail on June 10, 1963, with Deputy Sheriff HUGH ARRINGTON. [redacted] accompanied SANDERS and ARRINGTON to the cell of LAWRENCE GUYOT. SANDERS noticed that LAWRENCE GUYOT was badly bruised about the face, but he did not observe any lacerations or bandages on GUYOT. SANDERS asked GUYOT what had happened to him and GUYOT told SANDERS: "I fell out of a car." GUYOT then asked if he could make a telephone call and SANDERS told [redacted] to let GUYOT make a phone call. The jailer took GUYOT to the phone located in the living quarters of the jail and GUYOT made a telephone call. SANDERS did not know whom GUYOT called, the telephone number called, or the town GUYOT called. SANDERS was not present when the telephone call was made by GUYOT.

During the 3-4 minute conversation, GUYOT asked what the charges were against him and if he could be released. SANDERS told GUYOT that as far as he (SANDERS) was concerned GUYOT could leave. SANDERS told GUYOT that he did not have any charges against him and that GUYOT was a prisoner of the Winona, Mississippi, Police Department. He further told GUYOT that GUYOT could "walk on out of town" as far as he was concerned.

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SANDERS emphatically denied that he had identified himself to GUYOT in any way. SANDERS did not tell GUYOT he was the Sheriff, he did not give GUYOT his name, and he definitely did not say anything about the FBI. SANDERS said that it was a joke for anyone to say that he had told GUYOT he was an FBI Agent or employed by the FBI in any way. SANDERS said that he never mentioned the FBI in any way during his conversation with GUYOT. SANDERS explained that he had a small gold badge but had not carried this badge in over a month. He explained that the pin on the badge was broken and he could not pin it on his shirt. As he had to carry the badge in his pocket, he had misplaced it over a month ago. SANDERS then remarked "If that nigger said I told him I was with the FBI, he is a God damned liar."

The statements made by GUYOT along with a description of the man he talked to were furnished to SANDERS. SANDERS said that there could not be any question about the fact that GUYOT had actually identified him (Sheriff HAROLD FISHER SANDERS), but he added that GUYOT was lying when he said that he had told GUYOT anything about being with the FBI. SANDERS said that it was out of the question for him to have to identify himself in any way to a prisoner of the Carroll County Jail as there was absolutely no reason whatsoever for him to furnish any identification.

SANDERS' conversation with GUYOT took approximately 3 to 5 minutes. SANDERS and ARRINGTON left while GUYOT was making the telephone call.

On the afternoon of June 10, 1963, SANDERS and his Deputy, HUGH ARRINGTON, drove by the jail and observed a car with two Negroes in the car parked at the jail. This car bore 1963 Mississippi license number [redacted] and SANDERS determined through radio contact with the Greenwood Station of the Mississippi Highway Patrol that this car was registered [redacted] Mississippi. SANDERS and ARRINGTON left town driving west on Highway #82. Just before arriving at Mims' Truck Stop located west of Carrollton, SANDERS observed a car bearing 1963 Mississippi license [redacted] cross a yellow line. SANDERS told ARRINGTON to let the car continue. The car then crossed a yellow line again when the car passed two cars. SANDERS told ARRINGTON to stop the car, give the driver a ticket and have the driver return to Carrollton, Mississippi. SANDERS learned that the driver was

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[redacted] and that the passenger was [redacted] SANDERS knew both of these people as they were raised in Carroll County. [redacted] were not put in jail but they did have to wait for about an hour for Justice of the Peace KERMIT JOHNSON to appear at his office located in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Carroll County Courthouse. SANDERS was not present when [redacted] appeared before the Justice of the Peace and did not know the amount of their fine.

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SANDERS recalled that [redacted] told him that a [redacted] of Greenwood, Mississippi, had sent them to Carrollton, Mississippi, to secure the release of LAWRENCE GUYOT from the Carroll County Jail. Sheriff SANDERS explained that he did not know anyone in Greenwood, Mississippi, by the name [redacted] but he did not question [redacted] about [redacted] any further as it was beyond his jurisdiction to release GUYOT to anyone inasmuch as GUYOT was a prisoner of the Winona, Mississippi, Police Department.

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SANDERS advised that he did not wish to furnish a signed statement inasmuch as he had not arrested GUYOT and knew nothing whatsoever about the charges placed against him. SANDERS said that the only contact he had had with GUYOT was a 3 to 5 minute conversation in the Carroll County Jail at Carrollton, Mississippi, on the morning of June 10, 1963.

The following description of SANDERS was obtained by observation and interview:

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| Name: | HAROLD FISHER SANDERS |
| Aliases: | "Worry" |
| Race: | White |
| Sex: | Male |
| Age: | [redacted] |
| Date of birth: | [redacted] |
| Place of birth: | [redacted] Mississippi |
| Height: | 6'1" |
| Weight: | 175 |
| Build: | Medium-athletic |
| Hair: | Light brown, crew cut |
| Eyes: | Blue |
| Scars & marks: | None noticeable |
| Military service: | [redacted] |

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HAROLD FISHER SANDERS, Sheriff of Carroll County, Carrollton, Mississippi, was advised of the nature of the inquiry, that he did not have to answer questions, that any statement made by him could be used against him in court, and that he could consult an attorney before answering questions. SANDERS advised as follows:

SANDERS was positive in his own mind that LAWRENCE GUYOT had identified him (HAROLD FISHER SANDERS) as the man who is supposed to have represented himself as being with the FBI. SANDERS advised that "that nigger GUYOT was nothing but a downright liar when he said that anyone told him he was an FBI Agent or employed by the FBI in any way." SANDERS suggested that Agents SAVARD and SMITH bring GUYOT to Carrollton, Mississippi, and let GUYOT make that same statement in front of him (SANDERS).

SANDERS said that if GUYOT identified him as the man who was supposed to have been with the FBI that it might take more than 4 FBI Agents to keep him from "slugging" GUYOT. SANDERS explained that he would never permit "a nigger to stand there and call him (SANDERS) a liar."

SANDERS advised that he would be willing to cooperate with SAs SAVARD and SMITH in any way that he could in order to "straighten out this matter about having represented himself as being with the FBI." SANDERS said, however, that he could not guarantee his actions if he were confronted by GUYOT and GUYOT identified him as having said that he was with the FBI.

SANDERS explained that he did not have any photographs or pictures of himself except for his old Army identification card. SANDERS produced this Army identification card and it was noted that the photograph on this card did not bear any close resemblance to Sheriff SANDERS.

SANDERS said that he would be willing to be confronted by LAWRENCE GUYOT but he added that he would not guarantee his own personal actions in the event GUYOT identified him as having said that he had been with the FBI.

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HUGH ARRINGTON, Deputy Sheriff of Carroll County, Carrollton, Mississippi, was advised of the nature of the inquiry, that he did not have to answer questions, that any statement made by him could be used against him in court, and that he could consult an attorney before answering questions. ARRINGTON advised as follows:

On the morning of June 10, 1963, ARRINGTON accompanied Sheriff H. F. SANDERS to the County Jail, Carrollton, Mississippi. Sheriff SANDERS had received a number of telephone calls the night before concerning a LAWRENCE GUYOT and SANDERS told ARRINGTON that he (SANDERS) wanted to talk with the prisoner to be sure that there was no trouble regarding the prisoner.

When they arrived at the jail, SANDERS talked with GUYOT for about 3-4 minutes. GUYOT was bruised about the face and he told Sheriff SANDERS that he (GUYOT) had fallen out of a car. GUYOT then requested permission to make a telephone call and Sheriff SANDERS told [redacted] to take GUYOT to the telephone located in the jailer's living quarters.

During this conversation, Sheriff SANDERS did not identify himself in any way and did not say anything about being with the FBI, an employee of the FBI, or being a Special Agent of the FBI. Sheriff SANDERS did not mention the FBI in any way.

Sheriff SANDERS and ARRINGTON left the jail and went to the Sheriff's office located in the courthouse. About an hour later, two Negro males were seen going into the jail. ARRINGTON did not know them at that time but he assumed that they were going into the jail to visit GUYOT as GUYOT was the only Negro prisoner in the jail at that time.

Sheriff SANDERS and ARRINGTON left the Sheriff's office and drove west on Highway #82. Shortly before they came to the truck stop called "Mims", ARRINGTON observed a car crossing a yellow line on two different occasions. The first time the car passed two cars and the second time the car passed two cars and a truck. ARRINGTON explained that it was a traffic violation to cross a yellow line when

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the yellow line was located to the right of the center line. When the car crossed the center line the first time, Sheriff SANDERS said to let them continue but he told ARRINGTON to stop the car when they crossed the yellow line the second time. ARRINGTON stopped the car and gave the driver, who identified himself [redacted] (described by ARRINGTON as a colored male), a ticket for improper passing. ARRINGTON then ordered the driver to return to Carrollton, Mississippi.

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KERMIT JOHNSON, Justice of the Peace, was not in his office when they returned, but he came to the office about an hour after they arrived at the courthouse. During this wait, [redacted] his friend, [redacted] were not placed in jail, but instead waited at the courthouse for Justice of the Peace JOHNSON. ARRINGTON did not know the amount of the fine imposed by Justice of the Peace JOHNSON, but he was of the opinion that the fine was somewhere around \$10.

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ARRINGTON advised that KERMIT JOHNSON had been hospitalized in Memphis, Tennessee, on June 11, 1963, [redacted] and would not be available for interview. ARRINGTON obtained the records of Justice of the Peace JOHNSON maintained in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court and an examination of these records by SAs SAVARD and SMITH revealed that the last entry in the Justice of the Peace docket was Case #323, dated June 8, 1963. The Justice of the Peace docket did not contain a reference [redacted] ARRINGTON explained that Justice of the Peace JOHNSON did not have enough time to make an entry in the Justice of the Peace docket before he was taken to the hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

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ARRINGTON advised that he did not desire to furnish a signed statement.

The following description of ARRINGTON was obtained by observation and interview:

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| Name: | HUGH ARRINGTON |
| Race: | White |
| Sex: | Male |
| Age: | 55B. APPROX. 1908 |
| Height: | 5'9" |
| Weight: | 180 |
| Hair: | Brown |
| Eyes: | Blue |

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| Complexion: | Ruddy |
| Characteristics: | Heavy wrinkles at outside of eyes and mouth |
| Residence: | Carrollton, Mississippi. |

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[redacted] Sheriff HAROLD FISHER SANDERS, and formerly employed as [redacted] Carroll County, Mississippi, was advised of the nature of the inquiry, that he did not have to answer questions, that any statement made by him could be used against him in court, and that he could consult an attorney before answering questions. [redacted] advised as follows:

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[redacted] had heard that a prisoner by the name of LAWRENCE GUYOT had been brought to the Carroll County Jail, Carrollton, Mississippi, by the Winona, Mississippi, Police Department, on Sunday, June 9, 1963. [redacted] had heard further that the prisoner was released from the jail and removed to Winona, Mississippi, on Monday, June 10, 1963.

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[redacted] did not see this prisoner at any time that he was in the Carroll County Jail and did not know any details about his arrest or the charges placed against him. [redacted] explained that he was [redacted] Sheriff of Carroll County and he had been out [redacted] on Sunday and Monday, June 9-10, 1963.

[redacted] advised that it was common practice for prisoners from Carroll County to be put in the jail at Winona, Mississippi, and for Montgomery county prisoners to be brought to the jail at Carrollton, Mississippi. [redacted] noted that Carrollton was located approximately 8 miles from Winona, Mississippi, and prisoners were exchanged any time one of the jails was full and could not accommodate any additional prisoners.

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The following description [redacted] was obtained by observation and interview:

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| Name: | [redacted] |
| Alias: | [redacted] |
| Race: | White |
| Sex: | Male |
| Age: | [redacted] |
| Height: | 5'10" |
| Weight: | 165 |
| Hair: | Long, blond, wavy, thin at temples |
| Eyes: | Blue |
| Complexion: | Ruddy |

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Scars & marks:
Address:

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On June 13, 1963, SA ROBERT F. SAVARD, JR. telephonically contacted Sheriff HAROLD FISHER SANDERS, Carrollton, Mississippi, and advised SANDERS that LAWRENCE GUYOT would not come to Carrollton, Mississippi, for the possible identification of the man who had identified himself as an FBI Agent. SA SAVARD asked Sheriff SANDERS if he would permit SAs SAVARD and LYNN P. SMITH to obtain a photograph of him in order to display this photograph to GUYOT. Sheriff SANDERS stated that he would be willing to cooperate with the FBI in any way possible, but he did not see how he could permit himself to be photographed and then have GUYOT identify him by photograph in Greenwood, Mississippi. SANDERS said that if GUYOT wanted to identify him as the person who was supposed to have been with the FBI, that GUYOT could come to Carrollton, Mississippi, and "point the finger" at him.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
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On June 14, 1963, THATCHER WALT, Editor of the "Greenwood Commonwealth" Newspaper, 209 West Market Street, was contacted in regard to a photograph of Sheriff H. F. SANDERS, Carroll County, Mississippi. Mr. WALT advised that a search of their files reflected that he did not have a photograph of SANDERS. WALT also stated that he contacted the Lamb Camera Shop which usually photographs candidates whose pictures appear in the paper in an effort to obtain a negative of SANDERS; however, he stated they did not have such an item. Mr. WALT advised he could furnish no information as to where a photograph of SANDERS might be obtained.

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Mississippi, advised as follows:

[redacted] did not visit LAWRENCE GUYOT in the Carroll County Jail, Carrollton, Mississippi, or the Montgomery County Jail, Winona, Mississippi. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had gone to Carrollton, Mississippi, with [redacted] and visited LAWRENCE GUYOT in the jail at Carrollton.

[redacted] explained that someone had furnished some erroneous information to the FBI if he had been identified as a visitor at the Carroll County Jail, Carrollton, Mississippi.

[redacted] explained that sometime during Sunday afternoon, June 9, 1963, he learned that several individuals had been arrested at the bus station in Winona, Mississippi. Following receipt of information of the arrest at the bus station at Winona, Mississippi, LAWRENCE GUYOT went to Winona, Mississippi, to inquire about the charges placed against the people arrested and to make the necessary arrangements for their release from jail. GUYOT went to Winona, Mississippi, [redacted] About two hours following the departure of GUYOT, [redacted] returned to Greenwood, Mississippi, to advise that LAWRENCE GUYOT had been arrested by a patrolman of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) and three plain-clothes officers. [redacted] was advised [redacted] that GUYOT had been ordered out of the Sheriff's Office at Winona, Mississippi, and that [redacted] observed the Highway Patrolman slap GUYOT and then arrest him.

After [redacted] returned to Greenwood, Mississippi, [redacted] tried to find out where GUYOT had been jailed. He called the Montgomery County Jail at Winona, Mississippi, and was advised that GUYOT was not a prisoner in that jail. [redacted] then called the Carroll County Jail at Carrollton, Mississippi, to see if GUYOT had been transferred to that jail. He was advised by the person answering the telephone at Winona and Carrollton, Mississippi, that they did not have LAWRENCE GUYOT in jail. [redacted] called the jail at Carrollton, Mississippi, because he had heard that this jail was considered to be a "rough place" for Negro prisoners and he therefore came to the conclusion that GUYOT might have been transferred from Winona to Carrollton, Mississippi.

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When [] was unable to learn the whereabouts of LAWRENCE GUYOT, he telephonically contacted Governor ROSS BARNETT in Jackson, Mississippi, to complain about the rough treatment being given to LAWRENCE GUYOT. Governor BARNETT assured [] that GUYOT would receive the same treatment that other prisoners would receive and that the people of Carrollton, Mississippi, were law-abiding people. [] could not recall the entire conversation with Governor BARNETT.

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[] advised that someone was badly mistaken when they had identified him as a visitor of LAWRENCE GUYOT at Carrollton, Mississippi. [] explained that he did not know any of the details of the arrest of the six people at Winona, Mississippi, and did not know any of the details of the arrest of GUYOT as he was not present when these people were arrested.

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[redacted] Mississippi, who is employed [redacted] by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in Greenwood, Mississippi, advised as follows:

[redacted] who is also employed by SNCC in Greenwood, Mississippi, [redacted] told him at about 2:00 p.m., on Monday, June 10, 1963, that he had received a telephone call from LAWRENCE GUYOT, who was in jail at Carrollton, Mississippi, and that he desired to be returned from Carrollton, Mississippi, to Greenwood, Mississippi, and [redacted] asked him if he [redacted] would travel to Carrollton from Greenwood, Mississippi, to pick him up. [redacted] advised that this was the first time he or anyone that he knew of knew where LAWRENCE GUYOT had been incarcerated after his arrest in Winona, Mississippi, on Sunday, June 9, 1963,

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He said that he [redacted] immediately departed Greenwood, Mississippi, and estimates that they arrived in Carrollton, Mississippi, between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m., on June 10, 1963. They went directly to the jail. The jailer there was advised of their identity and the jailer let them speak to LAWRENCE GUYOT. GUYOT told them that he was doing pretty good when he was asked how he was feeling, and [redacted] advised that he noted that GUYOT's face appeared to be swollen somewhat. The jailer then asked them how they were traveling and they told him they were traveling in the car which was parked out beside the jail. He noted that there were some white men looking at the automobile so he got suspicious and while [redacted] continued his conversation with GUYOT, he went out to where the car was parked. He saw again the two white men come up to the car. They were in another automobile. They blew their horn and the [redacted] came out to the automobile and talked to them. [redacted] about this time came out of the jail and the two men sat in the car and watched [redacted] get into the automobile. After [redacted] got into the automobile, he got into the car and was sitting down. Just at this time, the automobile with the two white men pulled up beside them. One of the individuals asked [redacted] for his driver's license. [redacted] gave him his driver's license along with his identification card

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which was a Social Security card. The individual who had asked for it copied down the name and thanked him for it. He then asked [] for his name and he gave it to him and also gave him a phony address. [] was asked by one of the individuals where he worked and [] told him that he chopped cotton. One of the white men then asked him if he knew the "nigger in the jail." [] told him that he did. One of the white men then asked him would he walk downtown through Carrollton, Mississippi, to the highway, and at this, [] said yes he would, and got out of the automobile and started to walk down the highway, at which time one of the white men said "Nigger, your ass would not be worth a dime. Are you crazy or something? Get back in that automobile." [] stated he then got back into the automobile and they departed. [] was driving when they left.

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They drove through the town of Carrollton, Mississippi, to Highway #82 and then proceeded west on Highway #82 toward Greenwood, Mississippi.

[] advised [] was driving about 80 miles per hour on Highway #82 and that he noted that the two men were following in a car behind them. [] crossed a yellow line in passing on a hill, but the men behind them did not bother them. [] then crossed another yellow line and the automobile behind them pulled up and ordered them to stop. One of the individuals in the car said "Nigger, didn't you see that yellow line?" [] told him he did and the individual then said, "Turn your asses around and come on back to the courthouse." He stated that he [] followed in their automobile back to the courthouse. There they were called before the Justice of the Peace. The Justice of the Peace was not in his office so they waited for him. They were asked some questions while they waited by both of the two white individuals, who by this time, had identified themselves as being with the Sheriff's Office in Monroe County. One of the individuals said "Nigger, were you mixed up in that marching stuff at Greenwood, Mississippi?" Before this question could be answered, one of them said, "Nigger, are you satisfied?" [] stated that he did not know what he meant by this so he asked him what he meant by the question and the individual said, "Dammit, I asked you if you were satisfied?" [] stated that he did not know exactly what to say to that question so he said, "If you mean I'm satisfied if I'm under arrest, I don't think so." At that time one of the individuals said, "You're not under arrest, nigger."

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[] stated that after this, there was a short quietness, and there were no questions asked. Then all at once, one of the individuals said, "Do you know that damn nigger in the jail?" [] told him that he had known him for quite a while, which [] stated was a lie as he had not known him for a long time, and the individual was beginning to say something else at this time when the telephone rang and he evidently lost his conversation track as he did not begin questioning along the same vein after he had answered the telephone.

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After he had put the telephone down, he looked at both [] and said, "What's wrong with you niggers?" "You'd get your ass cut off if I turned that nigger loose that was in the jail," and at this time, [] asked him, "Why don't you turn me loose and see what I'll do," at which time the other individual said, "Well, maybe we will." [] said that he did not have any cigarettes and asked if he could go get some and one of the individuals told him that there was a cigarette machine across the street. [] asked him if he were free to go get some cigarettes and he said certainly he was. [] then departed to get some cigarettes and after [] left the younger of the two individuals departed also. The older one, which [] took [] stayed with him. Finally, the Justice of the Peace came and [] was fined \$29.75 for highway traffic violations. They did not have that much money so they just paid \$19.00 of the fine and agreed to pay on June 11, 1963, the rest of the fine which the Justice of the Peace said would be \$11.75.

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[] stated that he realized that there was an error in the figures of the Justice of the Peace, in the amount of \$1.00 and [] was overcharged \$1.00 for the fine and costs but nevertheless, he is of the opinion that a check in the amount of \$11.75 was mailed to the Justice of the Peace in Winona by [] some member of the SNCC. "Carrollton"

[] advised that [] was actually guilty of committing a highway traffic violation when they traveled from Winona to Greenwood, Mississippi, and that as he was guilty, he believed that he should go ahead and pay the cost and fine. Regarding the descriptions of the individuals he

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talked to, he said that they were both white males. The first one, whom he took to be the Sheriff, was approximately 6' tall, weighed about 170 pounds, had crew cut, medium build. The other was an older man and appeared to be shorter, weighing approximately 185 pounds, and perhaps 60-65 years of age.

[] advised that he did not wish to reduce the above into the form of a signed statement, but that he would testify in a court of law to the facts that he had furnished.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee Headquarters (SNCC), 708 N Avenue, Greenwood, Mississippi, at which time he furnished the following voluntary signed statement:

"June 12, 1963
"Greenwood, Miss.

"I, [redacted] hereby furnish the following voluntary statement to Robert F. Savard, Jr. and Lynn P. Smith, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised of the nature of the inquiry and that this statement could be used in a court of law.

"I live at [redacted] Mississippi. I am employed as [redacted] the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

"On Sunday, June 9, 1963, I went to Corona, Miss. with Lawrence Guyot. [redacted]

[redacted] had been hired by Guyot to drive to Winona. We needed two cars in order to bring 6 people back from Winona. We heard that 6 people had been arrested in Winona at the bus station.

"We arrived at Winona about 4:00 PM on June 9, 1963. Guyot and I went to the Sheriff's Office where we found the Sheriff, his deputy, and a Patrolman of the Mississippi Highway Patrol. Guyot asked the Sheriff what the charges were against the six people in jail. The Sheriff said there wasn't any charges and 'the best thing for us to do was to get out black asses away from Winona.'

"Guyot and I walked out to the car. The Sheriff, his deputy, and the Patrolman followed us outside. The Patrolman took my driver's license and he asked if we were members of the NAACP. He then asked if we were mixed up in the S--- in Greenwood. Guyot said No. The patrolman then asked Guyot if it would hurt his mouth to say 'No Sir?' Guyot said No.

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Then the Patrolman slapped Guyot with his hand across the face. He told Guyot to say it (meaning No sir). Guyot said 'I said no.' The patrolman slapped Guyot again with his open hand across the face. At that point, the patrolman took Guyot into the courthouse.

"I stayed around for an hour waiting for my driver's license and then came back to Greenwood. On Monday, June 10, 1963, I went to the Sheriff's Office in Winona and got my driver's license.

"I have Read this page stateman & it is Tright & corect to the Best of my nowritch

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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"Witnessed by:

/s/"Robert F. Savard, Jr., Special Agent, FBI, Columbus, Miss. 6/12/63

/s/"Lynn P. Smith, Sp. Agt., F.B.I., Columbus, Miss., 6/12/63."

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Headquarters, 708 N Avenue, Greenwood, Mississippi, at which time he furnished the following voluntary statement:

"Greenwood, Miss.

"June 13, 1963

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary signed statement to Special Agents Lynn P. Smith and Robert F. Savard, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, promises, or inducements have been made to me to get me to make this statement and I have been advised that it can be used in a court of law.

"I was born [redacted] Miss. and I have finished [redacted] high school.

"On Sunday, June 9, 1963 I traveled to Winona, Miss. [redacted] in a 1951 Plymouth. Also at this time Lawrence Guyot and two other men who were and are unknown to me went to Winona, Miss. with us in another car. They traveled in a 1963 Chevrolet Station Wagon. The purpose of our trip to Winona, Miss. was to make inquiry and return to Greenwood, Miss. six individuals who had been arrested by the authorities in Winona, Miss.

"After getting to Winona, Miss. we made inquiry and thereafter went to the Court House.

"Lawrence Guyot [redacted] went into the Court House. They stayed inside the Court House for a short time and then they came back out. [redacted] returned to the 1951 Plymouth where I was sitting and Lawrence Guyot returned to the station wagon.

"Just as Guyot was getting into the car a man came out of the Court House. I took this man for the Sheriff or some type of Law enforcement officer as he had on a gun. He called Guyot and told him to leave his name and where he could get in contact with him so

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he could let him know when he pressed charges. Guyot then gave him his name and telephone number.

"After this another man, who I also took for a Law Enforcement officer as he had a gun, too, asked [] for his driver's license. [] gave him his license. This same man asked me my name and where I lived and I told him. He asked me if I was messed up in that mess at Greenwood or if I was a member of the N.A.A.C.P. I told him that I was not a member.

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"At this time a Highway Patrolman was talking to Guyot. He asked Guyot if there would be any harm in his saying 'Yes sir' or 'No sir' to him. Guyot told him 'naw' and at this time the Highway Patrolman slapped Guyot with his open hand. He told Guyot, 'God damnit say yes sir.'

"Guyot looked at him and asked him what he wanted. The Highway Patrolman then told him that he was under arrest. Guyot asked him on what charge. The officer did not tell him and then took him into the Court House. We waited to see if [] would have his driver's license returned and when this did not happen we returned to Greenwood, Miss.

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"i i rin. This statement was read to me by Special Agent Lynn P. Smith in the presence of Special Agent Robert F. Savard, Jr. and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ []

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"Witnessed:

/s/"Lynn P. Smith, Sp. Agt., F.B.I., Columbus, Miss.,
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/s/"Robert F. Savard, Jr., Special Agent, FBI, Columbus,
Miss. 6/13/63"

It is noted that [] advised the interviewing Agents when the above statement was prepared that he had finished [] high school. [] was unable to read the statement after it was transcribed by the interviewing Agents. The statement was read [] He was then asked to write the sentence at the end of the statement that the statement had been read to him by the interviewing Agents, and he was unable to write this statement.

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[redacted] a prisoner [redacted] of the Carroll County Jail, Carrollton, Mississippi, advised as follows:

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On Sunday, June 9, 1963, a prisoner was brought to the Carroll County Jail by some officers from the Winona, Mississippi, Police Department. [redacted] could not recall the full name of this prisoner but he did remember that his first name was LAWRENCE and he also recalled that the prisoner was badly bruised about the face.

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During the time that this prisoner was in the Carroll County Jail he was visited by six different people. The Sheriff, [redacted] and two Negro boys from Greenwood, Mississippi, were the only visitors LAWRENCE had during the time he was in jail Sunday and Monday, June 9-10, 1963. [redacted] was not present when any of the visitors talked with LAWRENCE in the jail and therefore did not know any details of conversations had with LAWRENCE. LAWRENCE appeared to be badly bruised but he did not discuss [redacted] the reasons for his injuries.

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[redacted] further advised that LAWRENCE did not make any requests of him during the time he was in jail and did not discuss with him the manner in which he was bruised. [redacted] advised that LAWRENCE was released from the jail sometime during Monday afternoon, June 10, 1963, and was taken out of the jail by the Chief of Police and another officer from the Winona, Mississippi, Police Department.

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[redacted] Carroll County Jail, Carrollton, Mississippi, advised as follows:

Sometime during the middle of the afternoon of June 9, 1963, Chief of Police TOMMY HEROD, Winona, Mississippi, Police Department, and a second officer from the Winona Police Department, brought a Negro prisoner to the Carroll County Jail. [redacted] could not recall the full name of this Negro prisoner, but he did remember that his first name was LAWRENCE and that his last name had a "funny sound" to it.

After the Chief of Police and other officer from the Winona Police Department left, the Negro prisoner with the first name of LAWRENCE, asked for an aspirin tablet. [redacted] got 2 aspirin tablets from his own medicine cabinet and gave them to the prisoner. The prisoner did not make any other requests on June 9, 1963, and did not ask to see a doctor or any other medical treatment. The prisoner appeared to have been bruised about the face and neck and he also complained about his side and back painning him. [redacted] did not talk to this prisoner and did not question the reason for his bruises inasmuch as the prisoner was not a Carroll County prisoner but instead had been put into the jail by the Winona Police Department.

[redacted] explained that it has been a common practice for several years to accept prisoners of Montgomery County at the Carroll County Jail, Carrollton, Mississippi, and it has also been common practice for Carroll County prisoners to be put in jail in the Montgomery County jail at Winona, Mississippi.

[redacted] explained that the jails at both locations, Carrollton and Winona, were relatively small and when one jail was crowded, prisoners would be taken to the other jail.

On the morning of June 10, 1963, [redacted] advised Sheriff H. F. SANDERS that the Winona Police Department had brought a prisoner to the jail and that the prisoner appeared to have been bruised. Shortly after [redacted] contacted Sheriff SANDERS, the Sheriff and his Deputy, HUGH ARRINGTON, came to the jail to see the prisoner. The Sheriff talked with LAWRENCE for about 3-4 minutes and [redacted] recalled that the Sheriff asked LAWRENCE if he wanted anything. LAWRENCE requested to make a telephone call and the Sheriff instructed [redacted] to let LAWRENCE

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out of the jail cell and let him use the telephone in the living quarters of [redacted] could not recall the telephone number called by LAWRENCE, but he did remember that LAWRENCE had called to talk to a "Squeaky" SANDERS in Greenwood, Mississippi.

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Sheriff H. F. SANDERS and Deputy Sheriff ARRINGTON left the jail immediately following the telephone call made by LAWRENCE. Approximately an hour after LAWRENCE made the telephone call to Greenwood, Mississippi, two colored males who identified themselves [redacted] came to the jail to visit LAWRENCE. [redacted] were allowed to enter the jail and talk to LAWRENCE through the cell door. They talked for about 5-6 minutes and then [redacted] left.

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[redacted] did not know what charges had been placed against LAWRENCE as [redacted] made the entry in the jail docket.

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[redacted] advised that he could not remember the full details of the conversation between Sheriff SANDERS and the prisoner with the name of LAWRENCE, but he did recall that Sheriff SANDERS asked the prisoner what had happened to him. [redacted] recalled that LAWRENCE told the Sheriff that he had "fallen out of a car." [redacted] was positive that Sheriff SANDERS had never made any statement about being an FBI Agent or employed by the FBI in any capacity during his conversation with LAWRENCE. [redacted] further advised that Deputy Sheriff HUGH ARRINGTON did not participate in the conversation with LAWRENCE.

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Sometime during Monday afternoon, June 10, 1963, Chief of Police HEROD and the same officer of the Winona Police Department who was with HEROD when LAWRENCE was brought to the jail on June 9, 1963, came to the jail and took LAWRENCE with them.

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[redacted] Carroll County Jail, Carrollton, Mississippi, advised as follows:

On Sunday afternoon, June 9, 1963, Chief of Police TOMMY HEROD and a second officer from the Winona Police Department brought LAWRENCE GUYOT to the Carroll County Jail. Chief of Police HEROD told [redacted] that GUYOT had been charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and suspicion of murder.

[redacted] personally observed GUYOT as he was being put into his jail cell and she noticed that he did have some heavy bruises around his face. After the officers from the Winona Police Department left, GUYOT asked for and was given 2 aspirin tablets. GUYOT did not make any other requests during the time he was in the Carroll County Jail.

[redacted] did not talk with GUYOT personally and was not present when Sheriff SANDERS, Deputy Sheriff ARRINGTON, and [redacted] talked with GUYOT on the morning of June 10, 1963. [redacted] was positive, however, that GUYOT did not have any visitors except the Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff ARRINGTON, [redacted] and two Negro visitors from Greenwood, Mississippi. [redacted] stated that she was positive that GUYOT did not have any other visitors.

Sometime during the afternoon of Monday, June 10, 1963, Chief of Police HEROD and another officer from the Winona Police Department, came after GUYOT and took him back to Winona, Mississippi. [redacted] did not know the name of the second officer, but she did recall that he was the same officer who was with Chief HEROD when he brought GUYOT to the jail on June 9, 1963.

[redacted] explained that she has often accepted prisoners at the Carroll County Jail from Montgomery County, Mississippi. She said that whenever the jail at Winona, Mississippi, was crowded with prisoners, that authorities from Winona and Montgomery County, Mississippi, would bring prisoners to the county jail at Carrollton, Mississippi.

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On June 12, 1963, SAs ROBERT F. SAVARD, JR., and LYNN P. SMITH examined records produced by [redacted] Carrollton, Mississippi (Carroll County Jail). This record, consisting of a looseleaf notebook, was entitled "Bill of Feeding Prisoners, June." The last entry on the page reads [redacted] June 9-10." The record did not contain a reference to LAWRENCE GUYOT. [redacted] who was present at the time the records were examined, advised that she had made the above entry in the jail docket.

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Sheriff E. W. PATRIDGE, Winona, Mississippi, was interviewed at the Sheriff's Office, Montgomery County, Winona, and he was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, the nature of the investigation and that any information he furnished could be used in a court of law. He was advised of his right to consult an attorney. A request of Sheriff PATRIDGE was made that he make available a copy of the letter pertaining to a possible killing that was taken from the person of one LAWRENCE GUYOT on June 9, 1963. Sheriff PATRIDGE advised that he could not make this letter available in view of the fact that investigation by his office was continuing to determine if an actual killing had taken place.

Sheriff PATRIDGE made available a list of individuals who were incarcerated in the Montgomery County Jail on June 9, 1963, other than the victims in this case. This list included the following:

Mississippi; [redacted] Mississippi; [redacted]
[redacted] Mississippi; [redacted] Mississippi;
[redacted] Tennessee, who has since been
released; [redacted] Mississippi, who has since
been released; [redacted] Mississippi; [redacted]
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BILL SURRELL, Patrolman, Winona, Mississippi, Police Department, was interviewed at the Winona City Hall. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of the investigation. He was also advised he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law and he was also advised of his right to have an attorney.

SURRELL stated that he was not on duty on Sunday, June 9, 1963; however, sometime around 4:00 P. M. on that date he went to the court house to see if he could be of any help to Chief HEROD. He stated that HEROD had a man in his custody who was later identified to him as LAWRENCE GUYOT and the Chief told him that he intended to transport GUYOT to the Carroll County Jail as the Montgomery County Jail did not have facilities to accommodate him. He stated that he, the Chief and GUYOT got into the Chief's car and traveled to Carrollton, Mississippi, where on arrival the Chief got out of the car and GUYOT got out of the car and the Chief had GUYOT go into the jail in his custody, but that he, SURRELL, did not get out of the car at all. He advised that HEROD came back in a short time and they returned to Winona, Mississippi.

SURRELL stated that he did not have any contact with any of the other victims at the jail and could furnish no information concerning them. He advised that he did not beat anyone and did not see the Chief of Police or anyone else mistreat LAWRENCE GUYOT.

The following description of BILL SURRELL was obtained through interview and observation:

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| Race | White | |
| Sex | Male | |
| Date of Birth | | Mississippi |
| Height | 6' 1" | |
| Weight | 190 pounds | |
| Build | Medium | |
| Eyes | Brown | |
| Hair | Black | |
| Residence | | Mississippi |
| Employment | Patrolman, Winona, Mississippi, Police Department. | |

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An attempt was made to interview ALTON STIDHAM at his residence in the vicinity of Poplar Creek, Mississippi. When the Agents attempted to identify themselves, STIDHAM said, "I don't want to look at the damn things." He stated, "I haven't heard anything on the radio today except nigger, nigger, nigger. I have lost complete faith in the Federal Government. I have lost complete faith in the FBI and the FBI should be called NAACP." He stated that he did not wish to make any further statement and the attempt to interview was terminated at this time.

The following description of STIDHAM was obtained from observation:

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| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Age | 50 years ^{B. APPROX. 1913} |
| Height | 5' 9" |
| Weight | 175 |
| Hair | Brown |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Residence | Poplar Creek, Mississippi |
| Employment | Patrolman, Winona Police Department |

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On June 14, 1963, [redacted] Assistant U. S. Attorney, Oxford, Mississippi, was furnished a summary of the results of investigation to that time by SA [redacted] advised that he would render his opinion as to the merits of this case after reading the investigative report.

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